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Parades In All West
Coast Cities!"

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CHINA ASKS WORLD AID TO STOP JAPAN

Hospital Reduces Work-Hours

Expose Wins Con-
cession; Mt. Zion
In Same Fix

By JOHN BROMAN

SAN FRANCISCO — Exposed for its exploitation of labor in an exclusive story in the Western Worker last week, Children's Hospital is making slight changes to improve the conditions for the student nurses.

The students, who were forced to work eight hours or more per day, with approximately three hours of classes in addition, will now have their class time within the official eight hours, it was learned reliably.

Low Wage Continued

However, they will still remain unpaid workers in the apprenticeship class. The payroll of \$175 per month for the seven resident doctors remains unchanged, as does the pay-less status of 10 internes. Also, students working night shifts will still have to go to daytime classes without sleep.

Hearst's Hand Seen

Continuing its investigation into hospital labor conditions, the Western Worker has learned that similar conditions of exploitation prevail in Mt. Zion Hospital, where William Randolph Hearst is represented on the board of directors. A large group of student nurses work nine and one-half to 10 hours a day (eight hours, "officially") with classes in addition—all without pay.

Internes are paid \$15 a month toward clothing, but working conditions are much worse than at Children's Hospital, approaching the danger line as far as patients are concerned. Sixteen hours a day is about the average stretch for the internes, who have been known to work as long as 36 hours at a stretch!

Internes are supposed to get one night off a week, but there is no regular provision for this, and generally they don't get it. Two Doctors Paid \$50 Each

"It's a wonder none of them have gotten in trouble on a case, due to fatigue," I was told. There are two resident doctors at Mt. Zion, who get \$50 a month each, after their long training in their highly-skilled profession.

Food is reported as low in quality and quantity. Hearst's Man on Board

Clarence Lindner, publisher of the San Francisco Examiner, Hearst newspaper, is a member of the board of directors of Mt. Zion Hospital. Mrs. Herbert Fleischacker, wife of San Francisco's No. 1 banker, is one of the Children's Hospital board of directors.

As far as working conditions for hospital workers are concerned, the French Hospital enjoys the best reputation in the city, the Western Worker learned.

Conditions Slightly Better

Internes are paid \$40 a month, and are given \$5 in addition to assist at autopsies, through which the internes average \$15 additional monthly. They are also given every third night off, between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m., and two afternoons a week off. Their rooms at the hospital are small but pleasant.

However, here, as at all hospitals, the student nurses, who do a large part of the practical nursing work, are unpaid and are forced to live in the hospital under army-type discipline.

UNITY DRIVE ON
IN SAN FRANCISCO

Honest Government Group
Opens Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO — Opening guns in a campaign to clean graft and anti-labor policies out of San Francisco government were fired here Saturday with the formation of an Honest Government Committee and its election of a campaign committee pledged to a seven-point program of civil liberties, civic reform and honest government.

The committee, whose initial organizers were more than 100 representatives of labor and civic organizations, will place its own candidates in the field and appeal to all fronts of progressive opinion for support.

Program Outlined

The committee's program was broadly outlined as follows with a concrete program to be worked out on each point:

1. Preservation of civil liberties.

United Labor Day March Set For S. F.

The greatest Labor Day parade in the history of San Francisco, with all unions united in the march regardless of affiliation, will take place on September 6. Under pressure of the desire for unity by the rank and file of organized labor, the Labor Day Committee, under auspices of the AFL Central Labor Council, has ruled that no organizations will be barred.

The committee's August 21 meeting rejected a resolution introduced by the AFL Can Workers' Union delegates to exclude CIO unions as "dual" organizations.

All Unions Marching

The Maritime Federation District Council No. 2 has invited all CIO unions to march under its banner. Those already accepting include the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel & Tin Workers, United Electrical & Radio Workers, Cannery & Preserve Workers, and Shipyard Workers.

The AFL Butchers Union has refused to parade because CIO unions will be marching. In Los Angeles, the CIO Industrial Council is continuing its fight for a parade permit, which was denied by the Police Commission last week after J. W. Buzzell, AFL Council official,

L. A. COUNCIL
EXPELS GUILD

Officials Obey Splitting
Order by Wm. Green

LOS ANGELES — Carrying out the labor-splitting orders of William Green, American Federation of Labor president, local officials of the Central Labor Council expelled the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild last Friday night, August 27. The Guild is now taking a national referendum on its convention decision to affiliate to the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Loud protests from progressives, headed by delegates from the Musicians' and Typographical unions, followed reading of a telegram from Green ordering the expulsion by President Harry Sherman.

In line with his usual procedure, Sherman ruled discussion "out of order" on the grounds that any attempt to disobey Green's "order" would be unconstitutional.

Sherman's refusal to allow the Guild's delegates, Dolph Winebrenner and Darr Smith, to speak on the floor brought added protest from Henry Alberti and J. W. Gillette, Musicians' Union representatives.

Kress Stores in
New York Hire
Negro Sales Girls

(See Page 2 for Other Details)

Kress officials in Los Angeles, assuming a defiant pose toward the picket line, threaten to close their South Central Avenue Store rather than hire Negro salesgirls, but pressure of customers in Harlem told another story.

The Kress store in the New York Negro community hired five Negro salesgirls and two Negro floor walkers after the March, 1935, flareup of demonstrations against Negro discrimination.

This information was telegraphed in answer to an inquiry by the Western Worker following the "store closing" threats made in Los Angeles. The Harlem Division of the Communist Party reported that "Two Negro floor walkers and five Negro salesgirls employed in Kress as result of March, 1935, flareup were consequently upon pressure brought by workers. Wish you same success."

The information reached the Western Worker as Kress attorneys prepared to argue in court for making permanent a temporary injunction issued by Judge Rubin Schmidt against the picket line led by the Communist Party.

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SEAMEN OPEN UNITY PARLEY IN CHICAGO

Lundeberg Blocks Plea for
Uniting—Conference
Represents 68,000

Twenty-one delegates representing seafaring unions on all American coasts, with a membership of 68,000, are gathered in Chicago to create the foundation for an all-inclusive national union of seamen.

Meeting in a brief session on Monday, they elected Paul Cooks, representing the Marine Cooks and Stewards of the Pacific Coast, as chairman. They adjourned then for the afternoon pending a reply from the Sailors Union of the Pacific to a plea that it send a representative to the unity convention.

A wire sent to the SUP, read: "While being aware of the independent position taken by the SUP, the CIO National Maritime Unity Conference now in session at the Hotel Morrison, Chicago, feels that in view of the fact that the Pacific Marine Cooks and Stewards and Marine Firemen, Oilers and Watertenders, as well as the Inland Boatmen's Union and Federated Fishermen's Council are represented it would be to the interest of your membership if the SUP is represented and takes part in the deliberations and recommendations at this conference. All decisions reached by this conference are in no way binding on any organization represented without proper consultation of the members of each organization."

Lundeberg Blocks Action

At a SUP meeting in San Francisco on Monday night, Harry Lundeberg, secretary, who received the telegram, did not bring it up for discussion before the membership.

Thus the SUP remained the only union of seamen on the Pacific Coast completely unrepresented in Chicago.

Delegates were greatly heartened by the presence of James McCordie, delegate from the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Watertenders Union branch of San Francisco, Pacific Coast headquarters of the union.

J. E. Ferguson, the union's secretary, had followed the lead of Harry Lundeberg, Sailors' Union secretary, in fighting against participation in the unity convention. However, the membership overruled Ferguson and elected McCordie by an overwhelming majority at a special meeting on Saturday.

Ferguson Walks Out

The fight was initiated at a regular branch meeting last Thursday. Ferguson, seeing the tide swing against him, declared the meeting adjourned and walked out with the union's books. The membership remained and decided upon sending a delegate to the unity convention.

At Saturday's special meeting, called for the purpose of electing a delegate, Ferguson did not walk out, and tried to placate the membership by donating a dollar to finance McCordie's trip, after he had refused to give McCordie union funds because of (Continued on Page 6, Col. 6)

LOUIS FOOLS DOPESTERS

Welsh Miner Stays Full
Fifteen Rounds

NEW YORK — Joe Louis remains the enigma of the boxing world after his decision over Tommy Farr in the Yankee Stadium last Monday night.

Doped to win easily over Farr in the first few rounds of the fight, Joe surprised the wisecracks again by letting Farr stay the limit. The Welsh miner also upset predictions by waging an aggressive fight all the way.

Only once did Joe seem to let go with everything—in the fifth round, when he opened up on Farr with sharp left hooks and a right cross. But from that time on the fight saw-sawed, with Louis letting Farr come out in front in the eighth and ninth.

Louis Fails to Open Up

By the thirteenth round Farr was sorely tired, almost ready for the kill. But Joe didn't do what all the fans expected. Farr stayed through.

Fans who paid \$222,464 to see the fight felt disappointed throughout, and clapped impatiently to egg Louis on. Boos greeted the decision, though both Farr and his manager felt that the decision was just. The majority of sports experts gave Louis from 7 to 8 rounds, with from 2 to 3 even.

Physicians found a bone in Joe's hand broken after the fight. Louis said he injured it in the third round when he struck the miner high on the forehead. Doctors advised the hand be placed in a cast for at least a month.

From Spain Comes Salud to the Daily

Re-union of Labor's Old Timers to Feature Picnic

A shot heard around the world! That's what the announcement of a daily Western Worker by January 1st was.

And if you don't believe it, here's a letter to prove it—a letter from the Loyalist lines in embattled Spain. It comes from a San Pedro Longshoreman, member of ILA local 79-119:

"Editor Western Worker: Salud, and congratulations on the announcement of a Western Daily Worker by January 1st. I have been wanting to write to you for some time and this welcome news which I just read is the needed tonic. So today, from a Madrid hospital where I am recovering from a foot wound received during the recent successful Loyalist offensive, I am

writing and wishing you success in this important and necessary advance.

Girl Soldier Says "Salud!"

"It was interesting to watch the reaction of the Spanish comrades here in the hospital when I told them the good news. I had to do some explaining as I nearly turned a somersault in the air when I read it and two of the nurses ran in wondering whether I had gone loco en cabeza or something."

"One patient in particular asked me to send best wishes to the Western Worker. Although only 18 years old, this soldier has been at the front for nearly a year. 'Muy valiente' the nurses said when they brought her—the soldier is a young girl—into the hospital. She was a

Tall Weeds in the Garden



JAPANESE soldiers use weeds as camouflage in their fighting around Peiping and their occupation of Tungchow.

Slander Suit to Answer Vandeleur

SAN FRANCISCO — Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, faces a slander suit on his "charges" in the Alaska Cannery Workers Union and by its president, George Woolf.

Woolf announced he will file suit against Vandeleur charging libel and slander, as a result of the latter's "bombshell" expose which proved to be a dud when the federation secretary dropped it in the Central Labor Council last Friday night.

Vandeleur's Ravings

"Someone has got to stop these hysterical ravings of Mr. Vandeleur," declared Woolf. "They are irresponsible and I believe they belong before the courts of the state."

Vandeleur's "expose" proved to be primarily based on the fact that the Alaska Cannery Workers Union has not paid per capita tax to the AFL for the current year, and from that deduced in his charge that Woolf and other officials are "doubtful guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses."

Taking CIO Poll

Woolf stated: "We have not paid our per capita tax to the AFL this year and we probably will never pay it. The Alaska Cannery Workers are now taking a referendum on the question of CIO affiliation. If we vote to go CIO, there will be no payment."

In the Central Labor Council meeting, Vandeleur's "bombshell" was marked by frantic cheering by the reactionary delegates, particularly when he spoke for a "house cleaning" of CIO unions and shouted: "That's all the CIO is doing—taking the workers' money and selling them down the river."

Costa Tips Hand

Tony Costa, Cnauffeurs' Union delegate, tipped the ultra-reactionary bloc's hand during the meeting at a time when President Shelley was rapping for order.

"If you don't want to break up this council," bawled Costa at Shelley, "we'll break it up for you!"

Harry Bridges, Longshoremen's delegate and Pacific Coast CIO director, asked for a copy of Vandeleur's long "charges" to be sent to the Maritime Federation District Council for investigation, but failed to get a promise that a copy would be sent.

CIO CLEANERS
STANDING FIRM

Teamster Union to Respect
Local 447 Picket Line

SAN FRANCISCO — Efforts of certain American Federation of Labor officials to destroy the United Cleaners & Dyers Local 447, CIO affiliate, were crumbling last Monday as Local 447 picket lines remained firm around 27 local plants and as a result of the 2-to-1 vote of the Laundry & Cleaning Drivers Union, AFL Teamster affiliate, last Friday night to respect the CIO picket lines.

Sole avenue left open for Chester Viot, appointed president of Local 77 Cleaners & Dyers, dual union, and his backers among AFL officials, was believed to be the attempt to rush strikebreakers into the plants. Local 447 officials doubted that Viot could muster enough strikebreakers to man even one plant.

Rabin and two other Local 410 members were ousted last Friday as delegates by the Central Labor Council, which accepted Viot and two others as delegates from "Local 7."

The Laundry Drivers Union voted last Monday afternoon to elect a committee of 10 from the plants, to wait on Viot's "union" and on Local 447 with a proposal for a referendum among cleaning workers.

Viot rejected this.

Japanese Prepare Move on Nanking As War Spreads

Safety of all Nations Makes Action Against
Japan Necessary, Says National
Chinese Leader

SHANGHAI — Appealing for immediate intervention by the nations of the world, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, premier and head of the Chinese army, declared:

"Intervention is imperative not only for China's sake, but for international safety. If the nations of the world recognize the menace of Japanese aggression and wish to prevent its consequences from descending on the whole world, directly and indirectly, they should take immediate action."

His statement was given in a press interview as Japanese forces were reinforced with the apparent intent of extending the fighting to Nanking, China's national capital up the Yangtze river, 160 miles west of Shanghai.

China's government, 12 hours after the accidental bombing of the American ship, President Hoover, apologized to the American government and promised full indemnities to the injured, full damages to the Dollar Steamship Company, discipline for the pilots who bombed the ship, and efforts to guarantee against recurrence of the incident.

The Hoover's position among Japanese destroyers made it easy to mistake for a Japanese troop ship.

SHANGHAI — Chinese defenders prepared for what was expected to be Japan's most formidable offensive against Shanghai to date, scheduled for dawn Tuesday morning.

While an accumulation of scores of horror took the lives of hundreds of foreigners along with countless Chinese civilians, a series of international developments brought greater desperation to the Japanese war machine:

1. Great Britain conveyed an "emphatic protest" to the Japanese government against the shooting of its ambassador to China, demanding formal apology to the British government, punishment for those responsible for the attack and assurance against recurrence of similar incidents.

American Ship Hit

2. The American Dollar Liner, President Hoover, mistaken by Chinese aviators for one of numerous Japanese ships in the area, was fired upon by Chinese (Continued on Page 6 Col. 2)

'We Want Enuf Guys
To Scoop Cap Press'
Says Western Editor

Ever hear of an impossible interview? Here's one: Western Worker Scribe, to Western Worker Editor: "Say Al, what'll we have to do to be a real people's daily?"

Richmond: "Get the News!" Scribe: "What news? I thought we'd been printing all the news." Richmond: "I thought you thought that. That's why we ain't."

Scribe: "Ain't what?" Richmond: "Ain't been printing the news, see. In the first place, we don't have enough people working to get the news. We need reporters, rewrite men, leg-men, copy-readers. We're undermanned. How can we beat Hearst, Scripps-Howard, Harry Chandler, Joe Knowland and the rest of these punks without newspaper men?"

Scribe: "Yeah, I believe you've got something there—What do you suggest?"

Richmond: "More volunteers for our journalism class, of course. We can't afford to take on guys without training. We've got to show the people how to help us build up the kind of a paper they want."

All of which goes to say that this isn't an impossible interview after all. It's a real discussion at the last meeting of the Western Worker staff.

And the point is that we want more applications for our labor journalism course, to begin Wednesday night, September 8. Send 'em in right now!

If you live out of the Bay region, send yours in too. We're starting a correspondence course at the same time.

Long Beach Oil Union
Leaves Federation

LONG BEACH — The CIO Oil Workers Union local here has voted to withdraw from the State Federation of Labor, as a result of the expulsion of Longshoremen's locals from the federation.

L. A. Kress Store Pickets Defy Injunction of Court

STORE LOSING AS CUSTOMERS JOIN BOYCOTT

Perry, Picket Leader, Cited
For Contempt; Hearing
In Court Scheduled

LOS ANGELES—Defying a temporary order issued by Judge Rubin Schmidt last week, hundreds of Negro and white citizens continued to picket the Kress Store at 4415 S. Central Avenue, denouncing its refusal to hire negro salesgirls.

In the effort to stop the demonstration and the attendant boycott, Pettis Perry, Negro Communist leader of the pickets, was cited for contempt of court and court attaches were kept busy passing out copies of the temporary injunction as new arrivals stepped into line to replace those who had been given the court order.

Hearing on the temporary injunction was set for Wednesday, Sept. 1, when picketers will appear in court to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent. Loren Miller, Negro attorney, announced he would represent the defendants.

Sympathy Shown
Increasing sympathy among residents and small business men toward the picketers became highly apparent as reliable sources reported that Kress' business had suffered a sharp decline since the picket line was started.

Further evidence of the popular response to the picket line came when the Sentinel, a neighborhood newspaper on the South Side, printed a front page editorial in support of the picketers and in condemnation of the Kress policy of discrimination.

Restraining orders may serve a legal purpose but they cannot compel the bestowal of patronage. Kress officials might as well learn that now as later.

1000 Participated
More than 50 persons have daily kept the picket line going from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 4 to 6 p. m. According to Perry, close to 1,000 persons have taken their place in the line since it started last Saturday.

"The Kress store picket line was composed of customers and potential customers of the store," declared the Sentinel, "men and women who are sick and tired of being confronted with the color line when their sons and daughters seek jobs."

Island Labor Drive

HONOLULU—An organizational drive to make every port in the Hawaiian Islands a "closed port" will soon be launched by the executive board of the Honolulu Longshoremen's Assn.

Socialists Can Save Their Party

(An Open Letter to California Socialists by the Communist Party)

COMRADES AND FRIENDS:

Six months ago, and a year ago, we appealed to the rank and file of the Socialist Party and its sympathizers to work with the Communist Party on a program of unity of action in the labor and progressive movements of California. We asked for joint activity against vigilantism and the suppression of civil liberties by the open-shop reactionary employers. We appealed for support of the Spanish people's fight against fascism. We urged that Socialists and Communists together should work for the development of independent political action by labor, leading to the eventual building of a Farmer-Labor party.

Warned of Trotskyites

But we also warned our Socialist comrades of a disturbing factor in the situation. We told them, from our own experience, that the entrance of the Trotskyites into their party would disrupt and eventually wreck the party, and would prevent any united front action. Now that has come to pass. We have been accused of wanting to wreck and destroy the Socialist Party, because of our criticism. If this accusation were correct, we would have been happy to see the Trotskyite disrupters enter the Socialist Party, because we knew it would wreck the party. If the accusation were correct, we would be glad now to see the destructive effects of the Trotskyites seizing control of the California state organization, driving out most of the sincere Socialists, and splitting the S. P. into a maze of quarreling factions.

Not a Happy Outcome

But we are NOT happy to see that our predictions have proven correct. We would rather see the Socialist Party take its place as a constructive, progressive force in the labor and political movement of California. We would rather have a united front of Socialists and Communists on a common program. And that is why we hail the fact that sincere Socialists have come to this conclusion of their own accord and from their own experience: that the Trotskyite disrupters must be driven out, if the Socialist Party is to be saved.

The expulsion of the Trotskyites by the New York Socialist Party is a step in the right direction. The action of the National Executive Committee of the S. P., in suspending the California state organization and re-organizing it, will only be effective if it weeds out those disruptive elements who have plotted to create a national split in the Party, and places it back in the hands of the Socialist rank and file.

Unity Pledge Renewed

Socialists who have become disgusted with the wrecking work of the Trotskyite clique that has control of the State organization, members who have dropped out in despair, should support the action of their National Executive Committee. They must see to it that the branches and the State organization is cleansed of the Trotskyite wreckers, and that control of the party is placed back in the hands of the membership.

We renew our offer of unity and joint action with the Socialists. There are many issues on which such a united front is necessary: Spain and China; civil liberties; organizing the unorganized; building the CIO, fighting for labor unity; and many others. The Socialist rank and file must answer the question whether they will stand by and see their party entirely destroyed by the disrupters, who have so badly discredited it, or whether they will take decisive steps to clean them out and re-build a Socialist Party that can take its place in the front ranks of the labor and progressive movement of California.

CALIFORNIA STATE COMMITTEE,
COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.

NEWSREEL OF MASSACRE TO SHOW IN S. F.

American League Presents
Banned Film on Sept. 1
At Public Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO—Despite suppression by San Francisco theaters under Fox domination, the news reel of Chicago's Memorial Day Massacre will nevertheless be shown to the people of San Francisco.

A mass meeting with the film as the principal and dramatic "speaker" of the evening has been arranged at the Building Trades Temple, 14th and Guerrero streets, on Wednesday, September 1, at 8 p. m. Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson, outstanding progressive, will head the list of speakers, which include William Dalymphe, state CIO director; George Kidwell, secretary of the Bakery Wagon Drivers' local; and Ernest Besig, northern California director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Having been made into a public document by the LaFollette Senate Civil Liberties Investigating Committee, a copy of the film was obtained by the American League Against War and Fascism, which is the sponsor of the mass meeting and the film showing.

Mrs. Thelma Haut, ex-secretary of the League in San Francisco, will preside.

High Court Obeys Standard Oil Will

SAN FRANCISCO—The State Supreme Court has leaped to Standard Oil's whip again, denying the plea of John Rodger, Negro maritime worker and one of the nine Modesto boys framed on dynamite charges following the 1935 tanker strike, for a review of his case before the high court. The Modesto Defense Committee has positive proof of the frame-up instigated by Standard Oil Co.

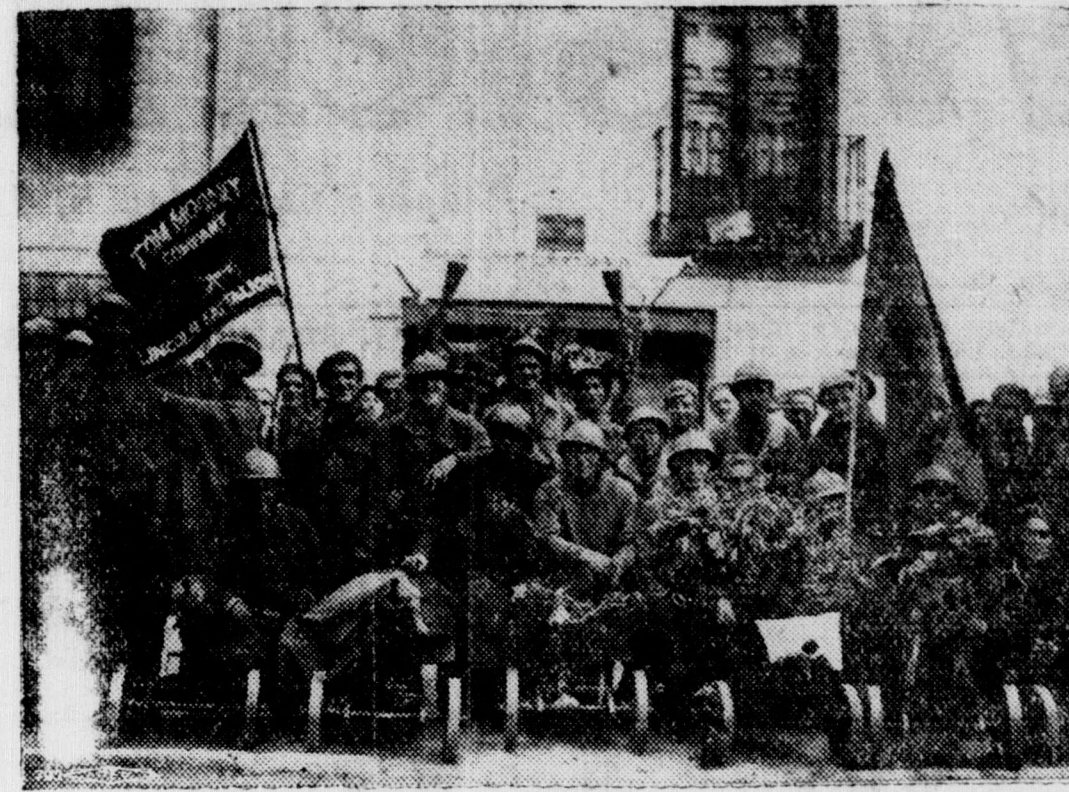
Water Taxi Strike

LONG BEACH—The Inland Boatmen's Union is on strike here against the DeLuxe Water Craft Co., which has refused to meet the union demand for a 10 cents an hour wage increase for the workers on the water taxis.

Eddie Cantor Unionist

NEW YORK—Eddie Cantor has been elected president of the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA), which is conducting a drive to organize 8000 radio performers.

Named After Tom Mooney



SOLDIERS of the Tom Mooney Battalion of the International Brigade during a lull in the fighting at the Jarama front where many Americans have seen action in Spain.

COMMUNISTS URGED TO COMPLETE TASKS

TO ALL PARTY MEMBERS,
TO ALL COUNTY COMMITTEES,
Dear Comrades:

In view of the unsatisfactory reports from our Counties on the semi-annual control of our membership, the State Executive Committee requests that all County and Section Committees, units and branches, take emergency steps to complete this task by September 15th.

The State Executive Committee will call for a report from each County Organizer and County Committee two weeks from this date on the steps taken and the progress made and will hold them responsible for the completion of this work. We ask that each unit and branch make a thorough check and record the names of comrades not controlled and select a special "Control Squad" to complete the task.

Further, all comrades who have not been controlled, report at once to the local Party headquarters, or get in touch with local Party members and make arrangements to pay their dues in full and be controlled at that time. If necessary this should be done by writing directly to the State Committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

We are certain that our Party will give this task the attention that it demands.

Comradely yours,
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Hotel Owner Wants City To Pay for His Refusal To Grant Unions' Rights

SAN FRANCISCO—Harvey M. Toy, owner of the Manx Hotel, and one of those hotel owners who refused for several months to grant recognition to striking unions, now wants the city and county of San Francisco to pay for his refusal. Toy filed suit for \$250,000 damages against the city and county, for losses he incurred during the strike.

Milkers' Union Asks Pay Raises in Five Counties

OAKLAND—Milkers of five central California counties presented demands for increased pay last week in a conference with producers' representatives here.

Milkers' Union No. 304, is asking \$90 a month plus board and room, an increase of \$15, for 500 members in Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, and Sacramento counties.

MAYOR SHAW WORKS TO CUT CITY EMPLOYEES' WAGES BY SHIFTING COST OF PENSIONS

Announces Veto of Council's Plan to
Carry Out May Vote; Uses "Lower
Taxes" Cry to Aid Wage Cut

By BOB HALDEN

LOS ANGELES—Attempts to evade the will of the voters here were seen last week when Mayor Shaw and other city officials began a drive to shift the costs of the new city employees' pension plan, adopted in last May's municipal elections, onto the shoulders of the city employees themselves.

Following the adoption by the city council of a measure calling for the withdrawal from the city's \$5,000,000 reserve fund of \$813,580 to defray three-fourths of the pension costs, Mayor Frank L. Shaw announced: "I will veto the council's appropriation."

"The city has suffered revenue losses which will endanger its financial structure if such an appropriation is permitted."

Small Tax Increase

The council's action would have carried with it an estimated additional tax levy of 2 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to make up the remaining fourth part of the total costs of the pension plan. Earlier estimates for the costs called for a general tax increase of 8 cents. In the council measure, 6 of the 8 cents are taken care of by the reserve fund withdrawal.

In view of the fact that one of his chief slogans during his election campaign was "Lower Taxes," the mayor has, on several occasions, raised a great hue and cry against any tax increase.

The mayor's alternative, however, merges as a general cut in the salaries of city employees. Should the council accept his veto on its measure, such a cut will be necessary to make up the pension plan costs. To forestall such a move, numerous demands have been made calling for reductions of the high salaries of the city top-officials.

In league with Shaw in his unannounced plan to make the city employees pay for their own old age pensions, the Los Angeles Times in its August 27th issue declares that the only "practical" solution to solve the pension costs is for "the city employees to incur a salary cut heavy enough to bear a fair portion of the burden they have imposed."

Vigorously fighting any move

RIDERS BOYCOTT MARKET ST. CARS

SAN FRANCISCO—Evidence of a spontaneous boycott on Market Street Railway cars, was seen in the announcement of the company that its revenues have decreased since the two-cent charge for transfers went into effect.

Heavy increase on municipal lines, wherever they parallel the private company cars, was noted in the same period.

The company incurred resentment of the public by introducing one-man cars, maintaining them with the aid of a court injunction after the voters had passed an ordinance specifically prohibiting their operation.

Street car riders complain of the one-man cars even more today, with service slowed further by giving the lone operator the additional duty of handling the revenue transfers for which money is kept separate from that paid for regular fares.

WHAT IS A
LIFER?

McAdoo Trades With Public Offices For Machine Control of California

By Irving Kreitzberg

SHARP-POINTED nose and deep-set eyes give William Gibbs McAdoo the appearance of a shrewd horse trader of an earlier year. Historians will never refund him among the Great Statesmen. His features do not belie his activities. He is a horse trader in politics.

As a lawyer, McAdoo was without any particular achievements. His entrance into national politics was largely the result of being President Wilson's son-in-law. The political opposition of that time called him the Crown Prince. More daring wits said Clown Prince.

His political school was World War America and while Americans were shedding their life's blood or donating an occasional arm, leg or lung that "democracy might live," the Crown Prince dabbled in war contracts. He always knew the right place for the right dollar-a-year man. The great game of patronage came to him easily. You do this for me and I'll do that for you.

During the period of Republican ascendancy, McAdoo devoted his talents (what coarse cynic would also say his connections?) to the service of the law firm of Neblett, McAdoo & Warner of Los Angeles. His return to politics was again not due to any achievement of his own. Roosevelt was rallying the depression sufferers to repudiate the Hoover hunger regime. California, heavily Republican therefore, shifted overwhelmingly to the Democratic side and McAdoo rode the landslide into the Senate.

Helped Dissolve Epic

If there had been any mistake about the desire of the people of California to move in a more progressive direction, the Epic movement two years later dispelled it. But the senator had his own ideas on how to ride it out and to continue as an expo-

nent of the interest of one McAdoo and the patronage system. He set to work to help dissolve the Epic movement and he is still busily engaged in building a machine to control California politics.

There were other causes as well for the dissolution of the Epic movement, but one of the McAdoo tactics was to draw Epic leaders into his own machine. In 1936 primaries its disintegration had proceeded far enough that he was able to overshadow it completely as a party rival.

On the McAdoo slate for the presidential electoral college from California were many former Epics.

McAdoo's general strategy is his law partner, Col. William Neblett. In fact, so intermingled have they become that it is hard to tell where Senator McAdoo ends and the machine-whip Neblett begins.

Took in Mosley Jones

Extending his control over the state legislature, McAdoo made overtures to the one-time popular Epic assemblyman William Mosley Jones. Shortly after the elections the only way to make an appointment with Jones, who lives in Montebello, was at 649 Olive street, Los Angeles, the address of Neblett, McAdoo & Warner. Jones was made speaker of the assembly, possible only with McAdoo's support. Early this year Jones appointed Neblett legal counsel of the Assembly investigating committee.

You do this for me and... Oblighing, Jones filled every strategic committee post in the assembly with reactionary Democrats. If he voted "progressive" on most measures of a test nature, few were fooled by it.

Strength of Patronage

Politicians, including those who feel the pressure of organized progressive electorates at their backs, know that to refuse to cater to Neblett can be

made extremely unpleasant. Un- less, of course, they choose to get up on their two feet and carry on an open fight. Progressives, in fact, are beginning to suspect that this latter course is the better vote-getter. Neblett and McAdoo like to avoid the unpleasantness of this. They prefer to talk business behind the scene.

During the past three weeks two moves of the Neblett-McAdoo alliance in particular have given hesitant progressives a painful object lesson of what would be in store under complete McAdoo-Neblett domination.

The McAdoo crowd, having taken virtual complete control over the WPA, launched a wholesale firing of supervisors, engineers and department heads, to be replaced by McAdoo men. This was an accompaniment to the wholesale firing of WPA workers in accordance with the curtailed relief program which McAdoo supported. This is preparation with a vengeance, for the 1938 elections.

More outstanding, at least in its effect in the reaction of progressive-minded people, was the ouster of Pierson M. Hall as U. S. attorney for the Los Angeles district.

"Public Interest"
Pressed by the liberal press for an explanation, McAdoo "explained," to-wit:

"It was in the public interest." There was no further clarification. Hall countered with the actual reason: "I did not get along with Neblett."

Neblett's statements obviously indicated he had promised the post to John Packard, former Socialist and former Epic. Then he advised the Chamber of Commerce and American Legion to raise a red scare against Packard and ended up by appointing the placid machine-man Ben Harrison of San Bernardino. Of course the Republicans

have taken great delight in seeing that the episode was obligingly spread over the pages of the L. A. Times and the Hearst press, particularly the red scare phase. But progressive, civic and labor groups are not blind to the real meaning of it.

Byron Scott's Attack

Latest to add his voice is the progressive congressman from Long Beach, Byron M. Scott, who declared: "It is about time California ousted McAdoo. Scott assumed the attitude 'unless Neblett's behind-the-scenes power is removed. There is no useful purpose served by such an 'unless.'"

The wrath and anxiety of labor, progressive and clean government forces, however, lie deeper than in the issue of the replacement of a U. S. district attorney.

McAdoo has already begun to use his office to reduce the state's law-making bodies to docility, to badger his opponents and to take special privileges for himself and his machine. The clear intent is to transfer the real capital of the state to 649 S. Oliver street.

There is no support among the people of California for McAdoo nor for what he represents, but his grasp of control can nevertheless grow tighter unless there is a clear-cut program of unity and a fighting campaign to fight it.

Unity the Need

A unity campaign of the progressives in the state, in which the labor movement and the progressive bloc in the present legislature take the lead, can win the support of the people and sweep McAdoo and his machine out of California politics. The inclinations of the people of California were expressed clearly and progressively more emphatically in 1932, 1934 and 1936.

Unity of the progressives will be the deciding factor in 1938, and it must be started now.

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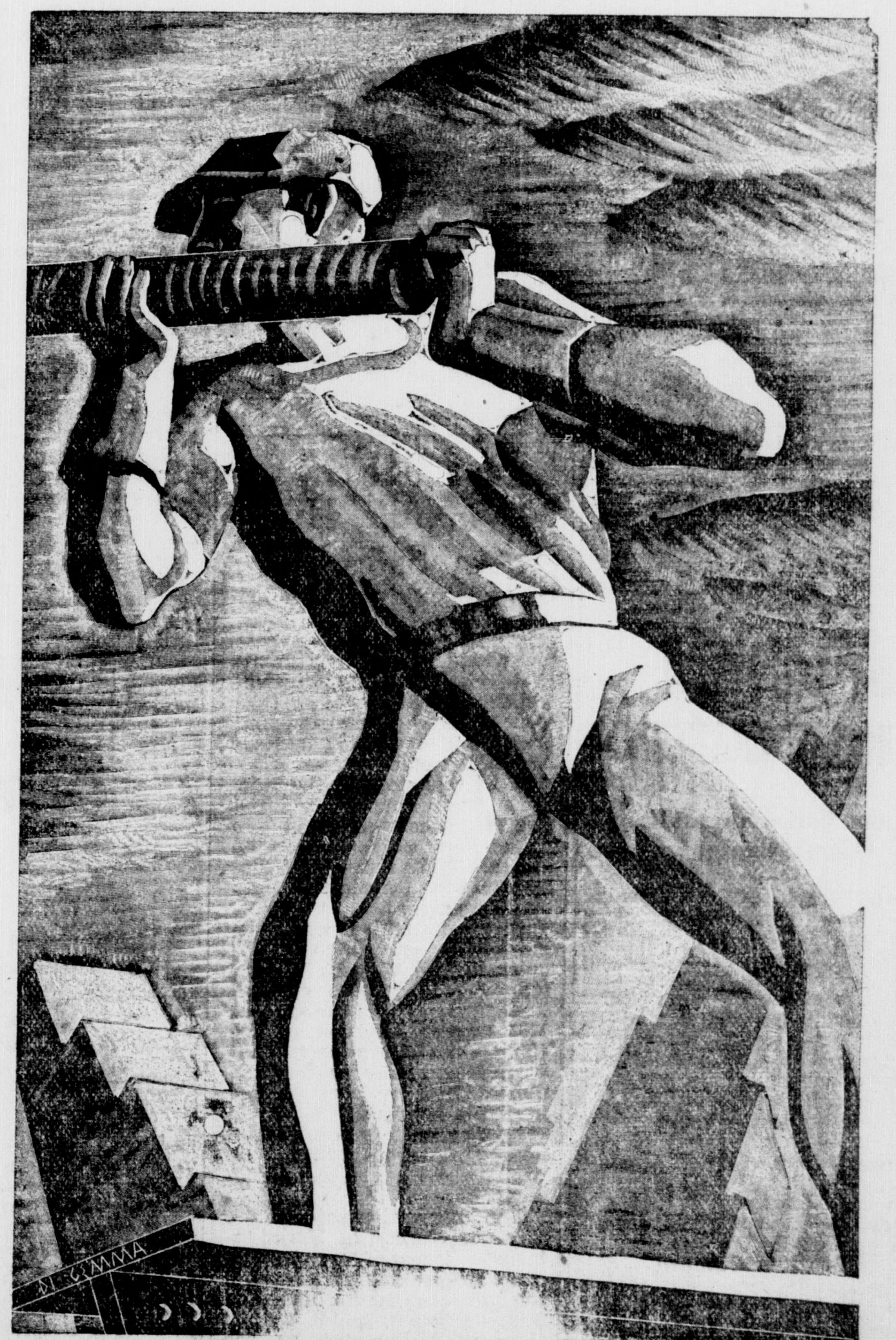
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WOODWORKERS TO HAVE PUGET SOUND COUNCIL

Present Carpenters' Body Not Serving Rank and File Membership

SEATTLE, Wash. — A new Puget Sound Council of Woodworkers will be the outgrowth of a convention, called by the CIO Intl. Woodworkers of America, in Tacoma for September 18 and 19.

"The existing Puget Sound Council, in the hands of the discredited Brotherhood of Carpenters officials, is not serving the interests of the rank and file of the woodworkers, and the demand for the setting up of a Puget Sound Council by the Intl. Woodworkers of America has become insistent on the part of the lumber workers, desirous of seeing the CIO attain the maximum growth in this area," stated O. M. Orton, IWA first vice-president.

Urgent Need for Council
"It has become urgent that a council be established for those locals affiliated with the Intl. Woodworkers of America. The September 18-19 convention will be for all affiliated locals that were formerly affiliated to the Carpenters Puget Sound Council."

"Delegates will be seated from locals chartered by the IWA as well as locals that have voted affiliation but have not yet been chartered."

"In addition we have extended a cordial invitation to all local unions to send as many fraternal delegates as they desire, and this applies also to locals that have not as yet signified their intention of affiliating with the IWA. "In contrast to the autocratically run existing Puget Sound Council, we intend to establish a council which will be a model in democratic control."

Strike-Breaking Method

ASSAM, India—Attempting to break up a strike in a Swedish-owned match factory, local authorities issued orders under a section of an act passed in 1931, appointing strikers as special constables and sending them to far removed "duties" without pay and against their will.

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ATTENTION, AFFAIR COMMITTEES! Place the dates of your affairs with Western Worker Co-ordination Committee to avoid duplication.

Los Angeles
Keep date open, Sept. 19, IWO picnic, Verdugo Country Club.

Reserve Sunday, Sept. 26th, Fall Picnic, I.L.D., Montebello Stadium.

Whoopie! Keep this date open. Oct. 3, Press Fair and Carnival, Verdugo Country Club.

San Francisco
Reserve Saturday Eve., Sept. 4 Spanish Fiesta at Druids Auditorium—IWO.

Entertainment and ball given by Greek-American Educational Center, Sept. 5, 8 p. m., 141 Turk St. Admission 25c.

Reserve Sat., Sept. 18—Alaska Cannery fiesta, Union Recreation Center, 32 Clay St.

RESERVE Sat., Sept. 25, Anniversary Celebration Lodge 694, IWO Knows How.

Reserve Sat., Dec. 4, for annual ball of Branch 119, IWO, Socol Hall, 739 Page St.

NOTICE: Save the Dates: December 31, 1937—Jan. 1, 2, 1938. Grand Fiesta for Daily Western Worker.

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Defend the workers on the picket line! Build strong Eastbay I.L.D. Come to the turkey dinner Sat., Sept. 4, 6:30-8:30, Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St. Speaker Attorney George Anderson. Entertainment. Tickets 50c.

500 Comrades are selling East Bay Western Worker Picnic Tickets. Are you one of them? If not, come to 491 10th St., Oakland and get yours. When you sell 4—keep 1 free. Remember the date and place. Sun., Sept. 12 at Bjornsen Park.

WHAT IS A
LIFER?

WORLD FRONT

Franco 'Saves Face' In Santander Fall

Fascists Turn to Northern Attacks When Repulsed At Madrid

By HARRY GANNES

Spanish fascism and its allies, for the moral effect, require the appearance of "victory" after every major defeat of its main military plans.

Stopped on the entire central front reaching from the French border in Aragon, on around the decisive Madrid sector and down to the south, General Franco devoted his attention to the isolated Loyalist northern territory. Ringed by Italian fascist troops on land and retreat and supplies cut off by the sea, the Basques and the Asturians have fought an unequal battle against Fascism, made infinitely worse by the initial mistakes and treacheries of the Catalanian enemies of both the People's Front and a centralized command. Yet for more than a year the Northern Loyalist forces have held out against the greatest odds, making the fascists pay heavily for each sliver of territory they took.

The fall of Santander again emphasizes the sagging of the fascist plans and testifies to the face-saving character rather than military expediency of the Fascist activities in the North of Spain. We do not mean here to belittle or soft-pedal the loss of Bilbao or of Santander. Every gain by Fascism anywhere in Spain means slaughter of the masses and the prolongation of the war. But the drive on Northern Spain must be related to its significance to the war as a whole. The original plans of Franco and his Berlin and Rome Allies envisaged the taking of Madrid and Barcelona first. They then expected to devote themselves to the easy mopping up process of the Basque and Asturias. The initial defeat of the fascist plot in the two leading cities of Spain dictated the fascist attack on Irun last summer on the Franco-Spanish border, in order to rupture contact of the northern strip of Loyalist Spain with France.

Then when the people of Madrid smashed General Mola's attack in the Guadarrama mountains, Franco stormed San Sebastian in North Spain. Later the war in the North was virtually stalemated except for the fighting around Oviedo (Asturias) until the sensational events at Guadalajara.

The intervention of a big Italian army in Spain brought into play Franco's aims and Mussolini's military prestige. The smashing defeat of the Black-shirted legions in the Guadalajara sector made Mussolini scream out for a face-saving expedition. By a combination of Nazi aviation and Italian infantry, interspersed with Franco's cut-throats, aided by the POUM uprising in Barcelona and the procrastinating Anarchist military policy at that time, the doom of Bilbao was sealed. Mussolini was satisfied for the moment.

General Franco then devoted his attention to Madrid again; but the loss of Bilbao had changed the entire military aspect of Spain.

Under the Negrin government the People's Front, with a powerfully buttressed People's Army, went on the offensive with the spectacle of Brunete and the balance of a military gain for the Loyalists on Spain's most decisive sector.

Franco was bogged down and in danger of being mired on the fronts where Spain's future was to be decided. The People's Army was reforming its lines for a new offensive. It was then Franco concentrated the Italian troops (particularly the Black Arrow division) who were not being risked on the Madrid front for fear of another Guadalajara, for another face-saving "victory" at the expense of the northern Loyalist strip.

The fall of Santander puts the full weight of Franco's and Mussolini's hordes on the brave Asturian proletariat. Their peril cannot be overestimated. Moreover, Franco may be able to risk his Italian troops directly on the Madrid, Aragon and Cordoba fronts.

But the factors which led to the People's Front Brunete offensive and the tremendous strengthening of the Aragon Front are at work to hurl even greater forces against Franco on the decisive battlefields of Spain. That Mussolini has little faith in the effectiveness of his "victories" either at Bilbao or at Santander is proved by the fact that the Italian navy has virtually gone into the war against the Spanish government.

The danger now becomes greater that Mussolini and Hitler, alarmed at the growing striking power of the People's Army on his main fronts, are at the point of deciding that the moment has come for wholesale intervention in an effort to give a crushing blow to democratic Spain. The extension of the Japanese aggression in China is an added incentive for more desperate action in Spain by the two fascist dictators.

Help to Spain must be increased, instead of allowed to lag, by the necessary attention to the war in the Far East.

WORKERS FORCE TAXES DOWN — BUT CITY EMPLOYEES LEFT HOLDING BAG

(For Other Details See Page 2)
LOS ANGELES — Threat of the Mayor's veto last Friday, August 27, forced the City Council to adopt a new city tax budget 2 cents lower than that of last year.

During the coming fiscal year of 1937-38, taxpayers here will pay \$1.58 for every \$100 of assessed valuation.

Left holding the bag for the Mayor's political maneuver toward a low tax level, however, were the city employees. Despite

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loud protests from the A.L.C. Employees' Association, no provision was made by the Council for raising money to pay for the new city employees' old-age pension plan adopted by the city voters at last May's municipal elections.

Chief cause for the failure of the Council to provide appropriation for the pension fund was the threat of a veto by Mayor Frank L. Shaw if any additional taxes were levied or if any money was withdrawn from the city's \$5,000,000 reserve fund.

Previously the Council had passed a measure boosting the tax rate 2 cents and providing for the withdrawal of \$513,000 from the reserve fund. Together, the measures would have provided the \$1,069,402 necessary for the pension costs.

Workers Lose Pension
Employees of the city declare that a writ of mandamus will be asked for in the courts to force the Council to carry out the will of the voters.

REACTIONARY LOSES OUT IN MEXICO GOV'T

Cedillo, Leader of Private Army, Repudiated Over Students' Strike

MEXICO CITY—Gen. Saturnino Cedillo, secretary of agriculture, has resigned from the Mexican cabinet and, much to his surprise, his resignation has been accepted by President Cardenas.

Official announcement of this was made in a bulletin issued by Secretary of State Silvestro Guerrero. The immediate incident leading to the minister's resignation, according to the bulletin, was the student strike at the National Agricultural College of Chapingo.

Greeted by Labor
The fall of Cedillo was greeted jubilantly by all groups of the Mexican labor movement, for the general had earned the hate of labor as the most fascist and reactionary minister in Cardenas' progressive administration.

Even while a member of the cabinet, he was known to be a supporter of Calles, the strong-arm man of Mexico, now in exile in the U. S.

Trade unions and political labor groups have many times publicly charged that Cedillo is one of the main backers of fascist organizations here. He has broken many a strike, especially in his home state of San Luis Potosi, of which he has been governor and which he still controls politically.

Labor organizations also maintain that Cedillo, who during the Calles regime was one of the most powerful generals in the Mexican army, has his own well-equipped private army of some 20,000 men in San Luis Potosi.

The labor organizations of that state united and issued posters and leaflets in which they attacked the minister, demanding the dissolution of his private army and his resignation.

Started July 19
The strike at the agricultural college started on July 19 and lasted for several weeks. Teachers as well as students demanded the resignation of the director and the setting up of a teachers' and students' council to take part in the direction of the school. Petitions including these and other demands, like better food and better teaching facilities, were ignored by the minister of agriculture.

When the entire student body came to town and staged a mass demonstration in front of the ministry and were still ignored by Cedillo, the president himself intervened. The minister then declared that if Cardenas supported this strike in any form, he would prefer to resign from the cabinet.

The president investigated the situation at the school and granted the demands of the students. The strike was called off, and the minister made good his resignation threat.

L. A. Unemployed Send 50 Delegates
LOS ANGELES—Marking a new advance in the organization of unemployed workers in this county, more than 1500 persons attended the convention of the Los Angeles County Workers' Alliance last Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14.

With George Connor, leader of Alliance District No. 4 as chairman, representatives from CIO unions, the Federation Against the High Cost of Living, and the American League Against War and Fascism, spoke before the meeting.

A report from Albert Heltness, county organizer for the Alliance, was the central point at the Saturday session. Organization of the unemployed to fight for adequate relief and the need for pressure on Washington, D. C. and local relief officials to obtain more aid was stressed.

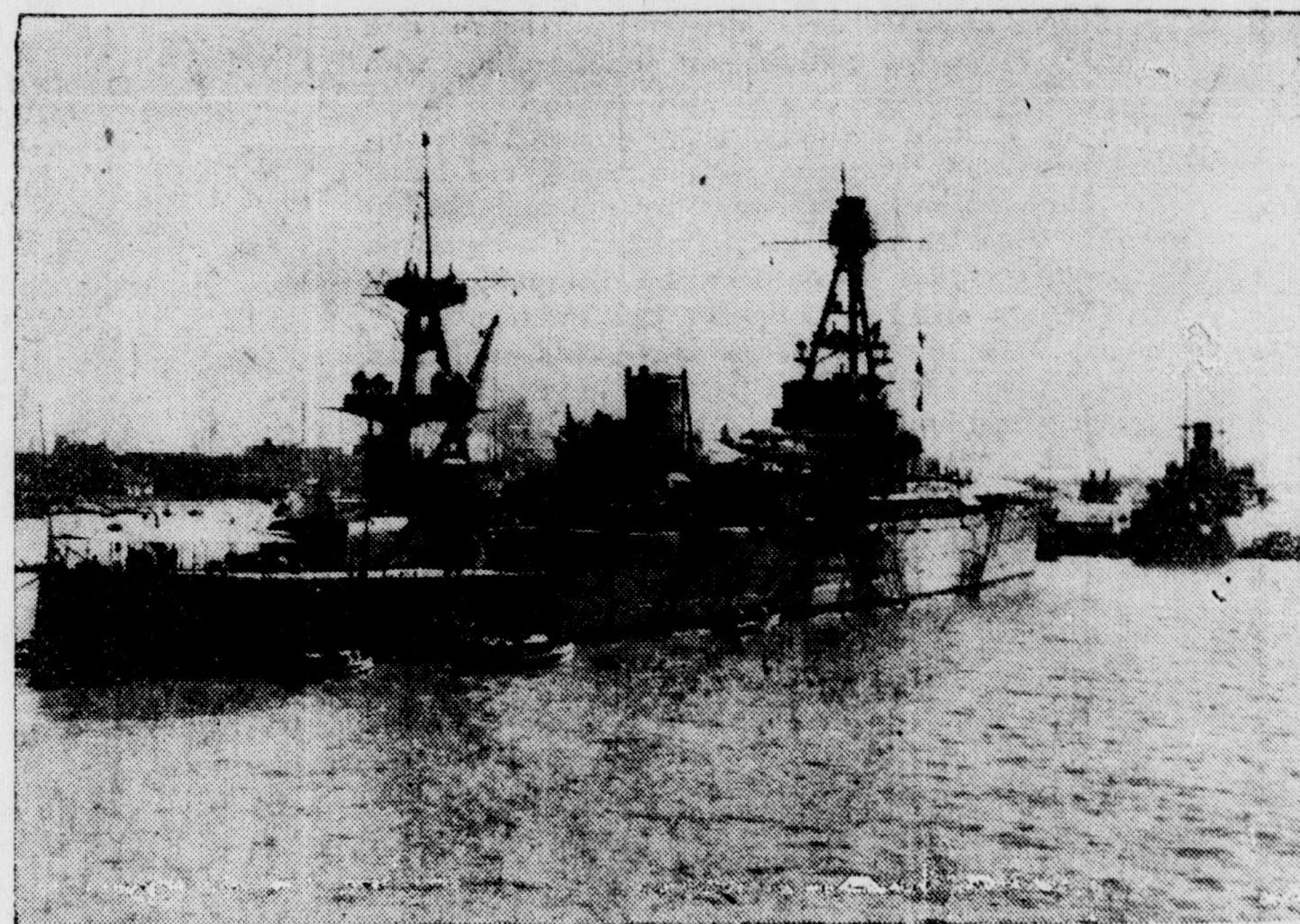
Climax of the convention was the sending off of more than 50 delegates on the national WPA march to the nation's Capitol under auspices of the Alliance.

Prepare for Strike
SYDNEY, Australia — Miners throughout New South Wales are preparing for a strike if the owners refuse to meet their demands. Already organized labor, through the New South Wales Labor Council, has pledged its full support.

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C. P. SUPPORTS F. H. LAGUARDIA

ALP Candidacy Endorsed At Election Rally

NEW YORK—Mayor F. H. La Guardia's declaration on the Communist Party's support of his candidacy as part of the ticket of the American Labor Party was described as "quite sensible" by Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party.

In a radio speech Thursday night, Browder pledged the support of the party to the ALP campaign. La Guardia responded with a statement in which he said he was "not concerned."

In turn, Browder declared: "The Mayor's statement seems to be quite sensible and the Communists have not expected any other attitude from him. He is the candidate of a very broad progressive front, including the majority of the people of our city, and certainly could take no other position."

La Guardia had said: "I am not concerned or interested in what the Communist Party does. I do not agree with their views and tactics. They know that."

"If they are interested in good municipal government, that is their affair. They will get no aid or comfort from me. No political organization can get any aid or comfort from a non-partisan municipal administration. The legal and civil rights of all will be recognized and protected."

"Lip Service"
Newbold Morris, La Guardia's running mate, candidate for council president, said he "wouldn't want" support of Communists, but added:

"I have greater respect for a group working for a political philosophy which they think will solve human problems, than I have for political machines which give lip service to the Constitution and the letter of the law."

Ford Terror

DALLAS—A reign of terror against unionists in Dallas, believed to be inspired by thugs hired by the Ford Motor Co., has caused the beating of 12 within the last six weeks.

Shanghai Labor Union Aids War Against Japan

SHANGHAI — The Shanghai Labor Union, membership over 800,000, announced its full support to the war against Japan. Strikes under its leadership, the majority of which were against Japanese and other foreign-owned establishments, have resulted in a number of wage gains in recent months. In the same period the organization increased its participation in the national liberation movement.

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French Govt. To Take Control of Nation's Railways

PARIS—The French government will hold the controlling interest in the railways of France under a modified nationalization program announced here by a spokesman of the cabinet of Premier Chautemps.

The government will organize a corporation in which it will hold a majority of the voting stock. Ownership of the country's 26,000 miles of railway will be vested in the corporation. Private shareholders will retain a minority voice in the management.

Four Union Men Of Bay Area Are Killed in Spain

SAN FRANCISCO—Out of 117 San Franciscans fighting on the side of the Loyalists in the Spanish war, four have been killed, according to the official casualty list just received by the San Francisco Branch of the Friends of the Lincoln Brigade.

They are: John Bowman; Herbert Marberg, Swedish, 25 years old; Abram Neufeld; and Frank Eates, 32, formerly of 113 Broadway, Oakland.

These men, members of the famous Abraham Lincoln Brigade, all belonged to the Fish Reduction Workers Union of San Francisco. They were killed while fighting on the Brunete front between the fifth and eleventh of July.

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PAROLE BOARD SIDE-STEPPED ORTIZ GROUP

Committee Seeking Parole For Cannery Worker Is Given Run-Around

OAKLAND — The Alameda County Parole Commission side-stepped a delegation seeking parole of Faustino Ortiz, recently framed cannery worker, last Saturday by shifting its regular Saturday morning meeting to Friday, without notification.

When the delegation arrived at the Alameda County Court House Saturday, they were informed of the change in the meeting date.

"Red Tape"
District Attorney Earl Warren, Parole Commission chairman, refused to see the delegation on the plea of being in committee meeting. Instead, Deputy Chief Inspector Jansen interviewed them, stating the Parole Commission would not receive oral applications or delegations. Only regular written applications would be accepted, he said.

Charles Drassinin, Ortiz Defense Committee Chairman, urged all friends of labor and lovers of justice to write or telephone the Commission members, requesting them to receive a delegation in addition to the regular written application.

Need for bringing pressure of public opinion to bear is indicated by composition of the Parole Commission, whose members—District Attorney Warren, Sheriff B. M. Driver, and Oakland Police Chief Bodie A. Wallman—were instrumental in the arrest and conviction of Ortiz and are politically interested in keeping him behind the bars, it was pointed out.

Ortiz is now serving a six month term in the county jail on a trumped-up charge of assaulting a cannery scab in Hayward.

Warren was chief prosecutor in the notorious King-Ramsey-Conner frame-up last year. Deputies from Driver's office kidnapped and beat Ortiz shortly before the latter's trial.

S. F. Hotel Unions Vote to Arbitrate

SAN FRANCISCO — Two mass meetings of six hotel unions last Wednesday voted to submit their demands to arbitration, after considering a so-called "best offer" from the hotel owners. The hotels have refused to abide by the agreement ending the recent strike, which called for a 40-hour week, and are insisting on a 6-day, 48-hour week.

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A Bull in the China Closet

THE JAPANESE bull that's loose in the China closet is threatening that whole structure known as world peace. He evidently does not care whose crockery he smashes—American, French or British. Any moment, he may tip over a lamp and there will be a conflagration.

And no one does anything about it! Each fresh news dispatch from the Far East reveals the grave danger to world peace contained in the mad Japanese adventure. The situation is fraught with dynamite and pregnant with incidents to set it off. Japan has brazenly declared a blockade of Chinese ports and taken upon itself the right to search vessels in Chinese waters.

There is much that should be done and could be done under existing international law. No one denies that Japan is the aggressor. No one denies that Japan has violated the Nine-Power Treaty. No one denies that Britain, the United States and France are signatories of that treaty and hence pledged to maintain the territorial integrity of China.

No one denies and no one acts! But inaction is encouragement to Japan. Encouragement to Japan is encouragement to war. By its inaction, the Administration in Washington becomes a party to this flagrant violation of a solemn treaty.

The time to act is NOW, before the entire world is embroiled in a war. The way to act is for all the democratic nations of the world to act unitedly and take the necessary steps to stop Japanese aggression.

Mellons May Go But the Vine Remains

THE claue boys (a body of paid applauders of Capitalism) are running themselves ragged this week. It is one of their jobs to deify the moguls of Wall Street. They had a tough time making a grand old man of Rockefeller.

But Andrew W. Mellon has them cross-eyed. Andy was one of the best hated people. He was known far and wide for what he was. "Ruthless," "crooked" and "unscrupulous" are only a few of the more polite descriptive words thrown at him during his life time.

Yet the claue boys must claue. Furthermore they had to find something to applaud. It was too dangerous to dwell on his public life. It was worse than dangerous to dwell on his business life.

So they played up his "benefactions." Andy gave and gave and gave. Why he was right down to his last one hundred million dollars.

But the name Andrew Mellon had much more significance than a name of one man. It had come to be a symbol for the great corporation that Andy once controlled. The net of that corporation is intact. It extends around the world. And the workers for that corporation can tell you that their exploitation has not lessened with the death of the man known as Andrew W. Mellon.

Buzzell and Cops Are Allies Against the CIO

THE DEPTH to which certain "leaders" of the American Federation of Labor are willing to descend to carry on their bitter "war" against the Committee for Industrial Organization, was illuminated in Los Angeles last week when the CIO Industrial Council was denied the right to hold a Labor Day parade.

Secretary J. W. Buzzell, of the AFL Central Labor Council, went to the police department and pleaded with the police commissioners not to grant the CIO the right to parade.

In other words, such labor "leaders" are willing to use the enemies of every working man and woman—the cops who have clubbed union pickets on countless occasions—in order to disrupt and attack the CIO.

Such tactics constitute nothing more nor less than an alliance with the open-shop employers of Los Angeles, against the workers. In taking this line, Buzzell shows the desperation with which he views the successes and rapid growth of the CIO in Los Angeles County, and the pro-CIO sympathy in the ranks of the AFL unions. That's why he fought so bitterly against the proposal of the CIO for one united Labor Day parade.

Fortunately, there are countless indications that workers in the AFL unions of Los Angeles will not tolerate the policies of Buzzell and will move forward to unity with their brothers in the CIO.

Vandeleur Tries Camouflage

VANDELEUR is desperate. More and more his policies of collaborating with the employers to split the labor movement and to fight the organizing work of the Committee for Industrial Organization, are being exposed and condemned by the membership of AFL and CIO unions alike. Unorganized workers shy away from his company union set-ups and send calls for CIO organizers.

This explains Vandeleur's self-publicized "expose," which fell flatter than a cop's foot in the San Francisco Central Labor Council last week. Vandeleur, in attempt to cover up his own criminal betrayal of the labor movement, is charging that "graft" exists in the Alaska Cannery Workers Union. "Graft," says Vandeleur, is the only reason why the AFL ever jerks charters.

The Western Worker does not have to defend George Woolf, union president, or the Alaska Cannery Workers Union from the ridiculous charges of Vandeleur. Woolf and the 2000 members of the ACWU are more than capable of doing that.

It is necessary, however, to point out to the workers of California just what tactics Vandeleur is pursuing in his rage against the CIO. When this corrupt State Federation of Labor official says "graft" is the only reason for charters being jerked, he lies and his own words prove the lie. Vandeleur has, in the countless other charter-jerkings, stated the reason was because the organizations affiliated to the CIO.

Why the change in tactics? Because Vandeleur sees that his labor-splitting, boss-collaborating moves are as transparent as a glass house, and he is trying to cover up his betrayals with a smoke-screen of "graft" charges against honestly run and conducted labor organizations.

In his lengthy and libelous "charge," Vandeleur cooked up a smelly stew. But he'll have a hard time getting the workers of California, be they in AFL or CIO unions, to swallow his concoction.

Honest Government Requires Unity

THE ROSSI government of San Francisco is a corrupt and a dishonest government. It is an anti-labor government as proved most dramatically in 1934 and 1936. It is a government that has not only tolerated, but blatantly defended, the collaboration of Maurice Raphel and Dr. Thomas Shumate with the McDonough ring of exposed grafters.

Rossi is corruption personified in municipal government; Rossi is the proven enemy of the labor movement. In short, the Rossi government is government according to the desires of Fleishhacker, Crocker, Dollar and Roger Lapham.

All credit, then, to the more than 100 delegates from labor, civic and other organizations who met Saturday to organize the Honest Government Committee and set the ball rolling for the election campaign.

Defense of labor and civil rights go hand in hand with honest government just as certainly as graft goes hand in hand with the murder of pickets. The Honest Government Committee took this fact into consideration and adopted the broad outlines of a program calling for defense of labor and civil rights, for election of city officials now appointive, for public ownership of utilities, for upholding the demands of the unemployed, for child and youth education and more playgrounds and for a cleanup of graft in municipal administration.

The committee's program is a program of unity. It is a program which has the full support of the Communist Party and which deserves the support of all honest progressives, labor and otherwise. Its appeal will not go unheard.

The Communist Party already has announced its candidates for the election. They stand pledged first of all to unity against corruption and reaction. They stand ready to withdraw but only where such withdrawal can serve the interest of this unity.

Let every progressive force unite with the Honest Government Committee. In this fight the Communist Party renews its pledge of fighting for the program outlined and for candidates whose records prove that they too will fight for it.

Can Ferguson Keep Steam Up?

"WE ARE going to declare war on anyone who advocates affiliation with the CIO."

That's what J. E. Ferguson, secretary of the Marine Firemen's Union, told the last meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council.

The opposing sides in this war of Ferguson's making seem to be "we" and "anyone."

Who is "we"? As far as the Western Worker can make it out, "we" is Ferguson and the small group of officials he has around him.

Who is "anyone"? "Anyone" seems to be the membership of the Marine Firemen who advocated "affiliation with the CIO" by VOTING for it on a ballot which has been destroyed.

Does Ferguson really think he can wage war against the MEMBERSHIP and get away with it?

Answer:
Suppose you fill in the blank!

What's in a Name?

The Nazi consul in San Francisco is KILLINGER.

Spokesman for a fascist conference in Kansas City was DEATHERAGE.

Five Reasons Why Henry Ford Is Worried



LEADERS of the United Automobile Workers, affiliated with the CIO and claiming a membership of 350,000, at the convention of the union. Left to right (seated): Wyndham Mortimer, Homer Martin, George Addes. (Standing) Walter N. Wells and Edward Hall.

THE ORIGIN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

By William Z. Foster
Chairman of the Communist Party, U. S. A.

In connection with the 18th anniversary of the Communist Party on Sept. 1, the Western Worker is publishing sections of William Z. Foster's book, "From Bryan to Stalin," in three articles on the origin and development of the Communist Party.

ARTICLE II (Concluded from last issue)

Inevitably the ideological split had to take organizational form; and logically the right wing, in line with its long fight to kill the left tendency, took the initiative also in rupturing the Party. It developed thus: The revolutionists, organized first in the Socialist Propaganda League (Boston, 1915) and later in the Left Wing of the Communist Party (New York, June, 1919), had the support of the majority of the Party membership and in 1919 elected 12 out of 15 members of the National Executive Committee of the S. P.

But the right wing repudiated this election, and, to control the approaching Emergency Convention, did much as the AFL Executive Council is doing with the CIO in 1936; it suspended seven language federations and the whole Michigan Party organization. At the convention itself in Chicago, August 30, 1919, the rights, with the help of the police expelled all known left delegates. The Party split was thus complete.

The Final Split

The 1919 split was even more disastrous to the Socialist Party than that of 1912. The right wing had at last ousted the militant left wing, the very life blood of the Party, and the numerous ruinous consequences to the Party quickly showed themselves. Within a year the Party's membership dropped from 104,822 to 26,766, and by 1927 it had fallen to but 7,425.

The influence of the Party in the trade unions declined swiftly, and its vote in the Presidential elections of 1928 (262,805), was hardly more than 25 per cent of its vote in 1920. The Party also plunged generally into political decay. With the left wing no more or hard to restrain them, the opportunist leaders of the Socialist Party completely abandoned all fight against the AFL reactionaries and joined with them in their whole program of B. & O. plan (production guarantee by the union) speed-up, labor banking, expulsion of Communists, anti-Soviet slander, etc. Thus, reduced almost to zero in numbers, influence and revolutionary principle, the Socialist Party harvested in full the inevitable dead fruit of its reformist policies and petty bourgeois leadership....

... The left wing, by 1919, had cleared up, or was rapidly doing so, its traditional errors on such fundamental questions as the role of the state, the question of the dictatorship of the proletariat, the seizure of power, the role of the Party and the trade unions, etc. In short, as A. Bittleman says, it had advanced "from vague Left Socialism and general militancy to the definite and solid foundations of Leninism."

Party Set Up

Now ideologically and organizationally strong enough, the left wing proceeded to organize its own Party, the Communist Party. In fact, the expelled lefts set up two Parties, the Communist Labor Party (Aug. 31), and the Communist Party (Sept.). Only small differences in principle

separated these parties, however, so they were fused 14 months later, December, 1921, under the Secretaryship of C. E. Ruthenberg.

In all the vital events of these times—the Socialist Party fight against the war, the formation of the Communist Party, etc.—the central left wing figure was Charles Emil Ruthenberg. Born in Cleveland on July 9, 1882, Ruthenberg was a devoted revolutionist and a clear-headed, resolute fighter. His name will be long preserved as one of the most capable leaders of the American working class.

He was General Secretary of the Communist Party from its organization in 1919 until his death, except during the two years that he spent in Sing Sing penitentiary for revolutionary activities. He died on March 2, 1927, at the age of 45 and now lies buried in the Kremlin, Moscow, side by side with many other brave revolutionary fighters.

Wave of Strikes

The founding of the two Communist Parties was met with bitter persecution from the government. The year of their birth, 1919, experienced more strikes than any similar period in American history. It was only three weeks after the setting up of the two parties that the great steel strike began.

The whole country was in turmoil, and the so-called liberal Wilson government greeted the advance of the dreaded Communist movement in the United States by launching the savage "Red Raids" on November 7, 1919, many halls and workers' homes were raided; revolutionary newspapers were confiscated and suppressed; the new party units were ruthlessly broken up and their members hunted and arrested.

According to official government figures, during the 1919-20 raids 4,138 workers were jailed and 500 deported. It was a real baptism of fire for the Communist movement. The effect of it was to drive the two young Parties underground and to reduce their previous vague and greatly overestimated membership practically to only the resolute and convinced Communists. At the conclusion of the Palmer terror the Communist membership had stabilized itself to about 10,000.

Besides the left wing of the Socialist Party, other revolutionary streams went towards making up the newly-forming Communist Party. During 1919-20 an important addition was the Hay-Wood-Hardy-George-Smith, minority group of the I.W.W. At the same time a number of militants from the Socialist Labor Party also joined. Then, during the middle of 1921, came the Trade Union Educational League group, with such outstanding figures as J. W. Johnstone, J. Maney and S. T. Hammermark, and including the Jay Fox Anarchist group.

In the summer of 1921 the Socialist Party suffered another left split, losing the Workers Council group (Engdahl, Trachtenberg, Lore, Finnish Federation), who joined up with the Communist Party in December 1921. The latter date may be taken as practically concluding the foundation period of the Communist Party.

In 1921 the Communist Party was no more than a revolutionary propaganda organization. But to make itself into a real Bolshevik Party and the leader of the working class it was imperative that the Party, in addition to carrying on revolutionary education, should become an active participant in the everyday struggles of the workers for their immediate economic and political demands.

For the daily fight of the

working class is the foundation and starting point for all revolutionary education and organization of the masses.

In order to carry on effectively this indispensable work the new Communist Party had to overcome a whole series of wrong tendencies which it had inherited from the past. The Party's fundamental revolutionary line was correct, but its application of this line was very impractical.

The basic weakness in it was the traditional trend of the American "left" to sectarianism. This "left" sectarianism, largely syndicalist in character and of which DeLeon was the principal theorizer, derived mainly from the inexperience of the left wing in actual mass leadership, its lack of theoretical development, the difficult objective conditions under which the revolutionary movement developed in general in the United States.

The Socialist Labor Party, Industrial Workers of the World, S. L. of N. A., Left Wing of the Socialist Party, had all been heavily saturated with such sectarianism and they largely passed it on to the new Communist Party.

Lack of Understanding

The essence of this "left" sectarianism was an exaggerated belief in the power of revolutionary propaganda alone, due to a lack of understanding of the elements of mass education and organization. The masses only if it is linked up with and adjusted to the every-day struggles of the workers. The "left" sectarianism manifested itself by an impractical approach to the masses; the placing of advanced (usually twisted and distorted) that had no connection with the workers' immediate needs. This failure to adapt the revolutionary slogans to specific conditions resulted very largely in keeping the revolutionists apart from the masses and in condemning them to sterile, dogmatic, sectarian isolation over a period of many years.

Among the traditional types of American "left" sectarianism were the following: (a) rejection in principle of the struggle for immediate political demands; (b) anti-parliamentarism, or refusal to participate in government elections and political activities; (c) dual industrial unionism, or organization of ideal independent unions, instead of participation in existing mass unions; (d) anti-union front tendency, or failure or refusal to unite with natural allies (Progressives, Negroes, poor farmers, etc.), and agitation against the Labor Party in principle; (e) mechanical application in the United States of the revolutionary experience without due regard to the different situation; (f) illegals and other forms of romantic revolutionary adventurism; (g) "God killing," or overstress and distortion of the religious question; (h) anti-Americanism, or ignoring and flouting of American traditions and culture, from its foundation, the C. P. had to wage war against these leftist tendencies.

Right Weaknesses

In developing its practical mass politics, the Communist Party also has often had to combat the right deviation, the openly opportunistic, reformist tendency to compromise with capitalist forces. But in the main its fight has been against the traditional American leftist tendency, which is opportunism covered with "left" phrases. The development of the American Communist Party can be measured by its progress in liquidating this leftist sectarianism in its mass work.

(Continued in The Next Issue)

As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

Declaring that the Communist Party must "recruit with the mass movement" Wm. Z. Foster, chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, sounded a call at the June Plenary meeting of the Central Committee for the largest recruiting campaign ever attempted by the Party. We are offering excerpts of the speech in place of Comrade Schneiderman's regular column.—Ed.

"Connect Party recruiting with the mass movements. Party building must be made an organic part of every mass campaign of the Party. The education-organization department must concern itself directly with the planning of our mass work and weave into it the various tasks of Party building.

"Heretofore, Party building has been considered too much as a separate Party activity, detached from actual mass work. Thus, for example, during the recent election campaign many big mass meetings were held, radio speeches delivered, literature distributed, in which no appeal whatever was made actually to draw workers into the ranks of our Party.

Part of Mass Campaigns

"The Party must also fight energetically against the 'stages' theory of organization, which is, that first we build the mass organization and later the Party. Party building must be a continuous process, proceeding simultaneously with the development of the mass campaigns, and must not be the object simply of occasional Party recruiting drives.

"The Party Organizer should be broadened out from its present narrow inner-Party line (that is, its dealing almost entirely with purely Party affairs), and it should also concern itself directly with all important problems of mass organizations, linking Party building with them.

New Methods

"Our methods of recruiting members into the Party should be restudied with regard to our united front situation in the developing of People's Front movement. Very often prevailing methods of recruiting are too narrow, too much confined to close Party circles.

"We must find broader approaches to the awakening masses and develop systematic efforts to recruit among them on the basis of the shop, union, family, friends, neighborhood, and fraternal organizations. Special attention must be paid to developing recruiting activities by all our contacts in the mass organizations, particularly our hundreds of new functionaries. Also, the fractions should be given more responsibility for Party recruiting. A better planning and check-up should be developed for all recruitment work.

Membership Fluctuation

"Our efforts to correct the evil of membership fluctuation, through which we lose a large percentage of the new members recruited yearly, must also be based upon the united front situation of the Party and the tasks of the developing mass movements.

"There must be better distribution of tasks to new members, a better dues collection system, a more thorough check-up of those who dropped out of the Party, and the raising of the political tone of the unit life."

LETTERS

Union Supports Relief Bill

Editor, Western Worker:
Enclosed please find copy of a resolution (supporting the Schweigenbach-Allen Resolution in Congress) passed by this organization at its last regular meeting, August 16, 1937.

Would also wish to state that the article in the Western Worker expressing appreciation of our donation of ten dollars to the Daily Western Worker fund, was read to the members at the same meeting, to the pleasure and interest of all present.

Fraternally yours,
—F. S., Oakland, Calif.

Would Like Book Reviews

Editor, Western Worker: Will you enroll me for your course in writing for the Western Worker?

I am glad to hear that the Western Worker is to become a daily after the first of the year. The W. W. has been improving steadily and becoming a daily is a very necessary step.

I would like to see some book reviews, movie reviews and also advance notice of programs of interest on the radio.

Comradely yours,
—M., Livermore, Calif.

Will Buy Car to Help Daily

Dear Editor: I see that a class in Labor Journalism is being started soon. I would like to enroll so as to get a better idea of how to write articles of interest that I may be able to dig up. I plan to get some kind of small car in the near future, and I will then be able, I hope, to find more things about which to write.

Fraternally yours,
—H., Merced, Cal.

Thinks W.W. Lacks Appeal to Women

Editor, Western Worker:
As a general criticism of our paper it is too stark, lacking in material, lacking in literary content.

I hope to send in from time to time something of lighter nature to mellow the paper a little. You do get in some good verse of Reb Raney, which is unfailingly good. Most people love a regular column, however short, if it has snap and go.

Personally I do not believe that a short story must end with an invitation to build a Farmer-Labor Party, or join the Party, to be worthy of place in our revolutionary press. It must portray some aspect of the local or world struggle, or satirize the contemporary scene, just as a cartoon, for instance in the New Masses may do.

Fraternally yours,
—G. B., North Hollywood, Calif.

That Daily Paper

New Contest
Take Your Choice
Drive Starts in North
The Chicago "Daily"

Last week, this column promised a contest once each week for letters sent to the Western Worker on the Daily Western Worker Financial Drive. So here's this week's contest and prizes:

That Daily Paper will award two \$2.50 book orders on the nearest Workers Bookstore for the two best letters sent in containing ideas on how to make the best use of the Drive, Coupon Books, Collection Lists. You don't have to send in ideas on all three of these methods. Anyone can compete. Just write up your experience in past drives and send the letters to THAT DAILY PAPER c/o Western Worker. Letters for this contest must be received not later than September 25th, 1937.

How to Get Subs

Comrade Schrier was telling his experiences in getting subs at the Press Builders Congress in Los Angeles.

"I got one sub from a young fellow who was a Los Angeles Times circulation man," Schrier related. "He said he thought it must be easier to get subs to the 'Western' than to his sheet. I asked him how he approached the workers."

He said he hears rough language when he goes into a shop trying to sell subs to the Times. "It's a tough spot," he told me. "But here's what I tell the workers."

"If you read the Hearst Press, you are reading Public Enemy No. 1. But if you read the Times you are only reading Public Enemy No. 2—so take your choice!"

... and the coming of a powerful Daily Western Worker is going to eliminate that choice.

The Drive for a Daily Paper in Chicago proceeds at a rapid tempo. Latest development is a call to all progressive unions in the Chicago area to send delegates to a Labor Press Conference, which will start the Drive for the Chicago Daily. The call is signed by Comrades Browder and Foster.

Eureka!

"Brains" Dumlug rushed into the office the other day. We saw him coming, but too late to escape.

"Hey," he shouted. "I got it all solved!"

"What have you solved?" we queried and stepped tearing out handfuls of hair in worrying about the slowness of certain Counties in getting started in the Drive.

"Everything," Dumlug beamed brightly. "The whole drive's in the bag, see, in the bag! And don't need no Drive committees, affairs, publicity, see? We don't need nothing but my idea!"

We laid our weary head on the desk. "Go ahead, Comrade Dumlug," we sighed.

"O.K.! Here it is: All we gotta do is get some people to loan us one million, five hundred thousand smackers, see? Then we goes to the bank and plunk in the doughnuts, see?" Dumlug rushed on breathlessly. "Now, we gets 5 per cent interest per year on our sugar, see? So for September, October, November and December, we rates \$30,000 interest on our cartwheels, see? So on January 1st, we drags out the frogskins, gives the people their money back and hangs on to the 30,000 iron men! Was! Whatta idea! We make the bankers finance the Daily Western Worker, see?"

We lifted our head from the desk just as Dumlug's voice rose to a roar.

"Hey, Holy Cow!" He screamed. "This thing even bigger than I thought! 'Boy, oh boy, why can't we leave the dough in for eight months and have two daily Western Workers? Wow! Am I good? Now let's get busy!"

By this time, we recovered enough to reach for the lead paper-weight that lies on our desk.

Attention Counties

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San Francisco

Communist Party Anniversary
Celebration, Sunday evening,
Sept. 19th, 121 Haight.

House Party, Saturday, Sept. 18,
25th Assembly District.

Halloween night party Saturday,
Oct. 30, by YCL, 121 Haight
St.

Grand Celebration of 20th Anniversary
of October Revolution,
Nov. 7. Place to be announced
later.

Thanksgiving Party and Dance,
Wednesday, Nov. 24, 8 p. m.,
121 Haight St. By S. F. Industrial
Section.

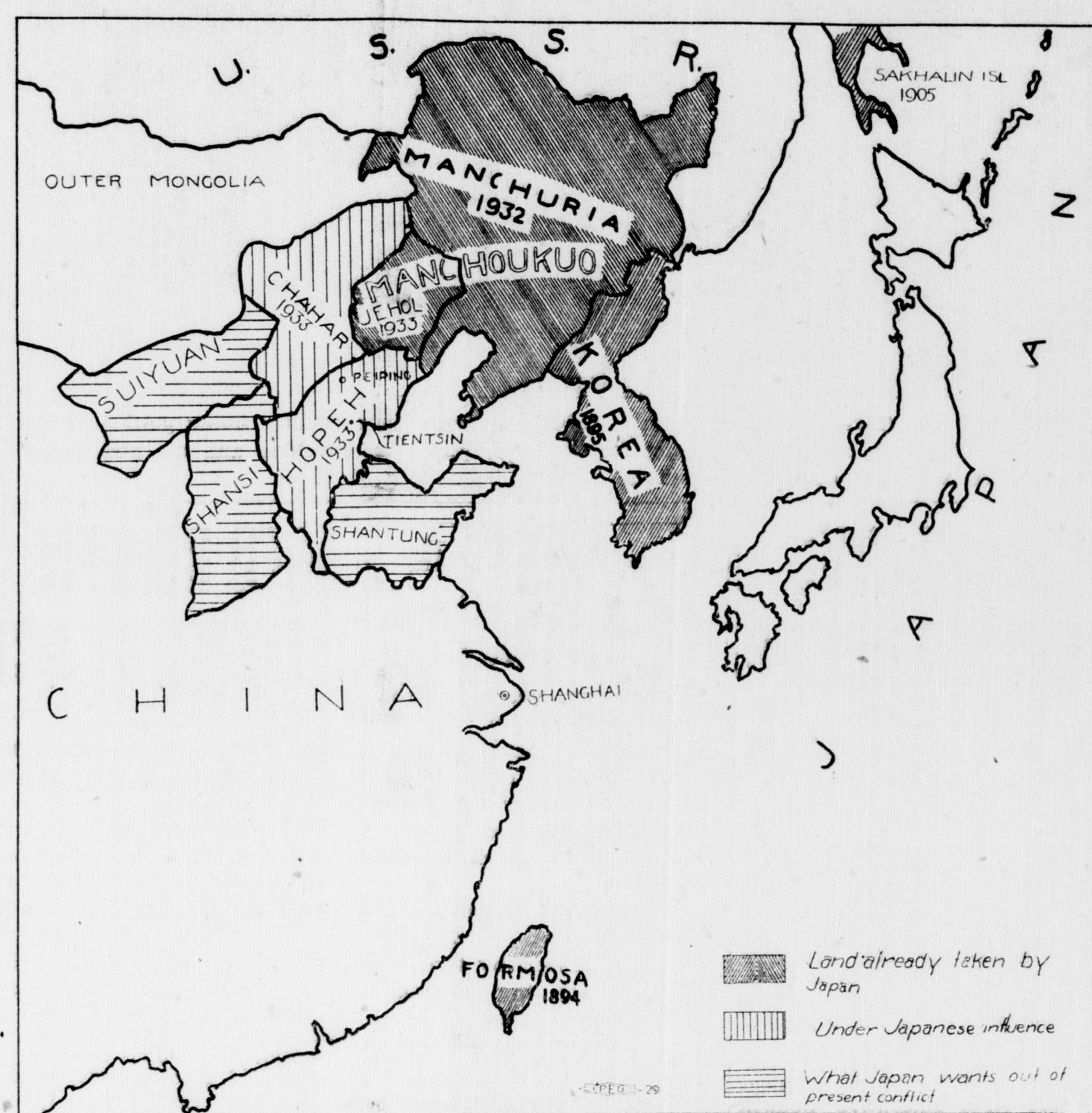
Three days Grand Fiesta, Dec.
31, 1937, Jan. 1, 2, 1938, by S.
F. County Committee.

It's a Victory Now or Never For the Imperialists of Japan

By HARRY GANNES

(A Daily Worker Feature)

WHILE the battle fronts in China rapidly extend, the inner situation in both China and Japan is beginning to engross world attention. The relative military power of the two



countries being generally known the complicated problem of the rear looms up as of equal if not major decisiveness.

Naturally, news is meagre but trends are quite definite. In China the pro-Japanese faction is being eclipsed. Passage of a law for the death penalty for traitors or those who in any way aid the enemy proves that China has learned a lesson that cost much to be finally grasped in Spain.

Economy Centralized

The most significant step of the Nanking government thus far is the creation of the National Committee to finance the war against China. This committee of 27 prominent Chinese has been authorized to float a bond issue of \$500,000,000 (Chinese) or about \$150,000,000 in U. S. currency. This is carried out one of the original proposals of the All-China National Salvation League.

The program of the National Salvation League received the endorsement of the Communist Party of China. We can look upon the measure as the first of a series to be adopted designed to arouse and mobilize the whole country more and more on a democratic basis for the prosecution of the war against Japan.

Undoubtedly there will be covert and at times bitter opposition to drawing the peasant, coolie, proletarian and middle-class masses into the struggle, a process that must ultimately rupture the feudal remnants. But China by the exigencies of the fight is moving in a direction of national unity which also means national awakening and liberation within.

St. John Irvine, noted British playwright and critic, considered it one of the three best plays of that season. Incidentally, several of the original cast are now Hollywood residents. Both Sylvia Sydney and Charles Bickford played leading roles.

Maxwell Anderson is most widely known for his "Winterset," which reverts to the Sacco-Vanzetti theme presented originally and more forcefully in "Gods of the Lightning."

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A WORKER'S BIOGRAPHY

VIGILANTES KILLED FATHER—HE DROPPED BOXING TO TAKE PART IN BIGGER FIGHTS

By CLINT DUFF

"It will show these labor fak-ers they can't split us up!" Such is the terse opinion of young John Hughes, Secretary of the Richmond Lodge, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America on the significance of this Labor Day. The square-shouldered unionist was referring to the widespread parades in which AFL, CIO, and independent unions are joining, as in the city of Richmond, in an impressive show of rank and file unity.

We were talking across the attractive dinner prepared by slim, pretty Lola in the small but neat home of the young couple. Outside, over the tiny roofs of workers' cottages, could be seen beyond brown fields the low-flung buildings of the Santa Fe Railroad shops where John and his brother workers built and repaired the cars of the huge railway network. The lazy smoke of the plant's chimneys rose in straight columns into the sultry air of quiet Richmond.

Workers Not Quiet
But the workers inside those long buildings weren't so quiet, John assured me. They were organizing into their railway brotherhood and were active, too, in building the new Railroad Employees' Federation, in building unity of the railroad unions after the pattern of the mighty maritime federation.

John pointed out to me a bulletin sent out by his union to all Santa Fe workers:

"The great victory of the Marine Workers has been an inspiration to all labor. Their victory was made possible by their solidarity and unity. Why cannot the workers of the railroad achieve this same unity? Surely, if we could bring about the same unity, our path to higher wages and shorter hours would be far shorter and easier to travel."

"How does that sound?" asked John showing all his white teeth in a broad smile. He told me more about the Federation on whose executive committee he sat. He mentioned also that he was chairman of the local North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

"You seem to be pretty well tied into the labor movement now," I said. "How did you get started—or were you just born with a union bug on your forehead?"

"Not quite!" he laughed. Then in his strong earnest manner he said:

"Japan's conquest of China. (4) The collapse of Japan's world trade because of the transformation of the home economy into war economy.

(5) Confiscation of the wealth of the smaller industrialists and the petty-bourgeoisie.

(6) Impoverishment of the peasantry by fixing prices of food while costs of manufactured articles soar; increased taxes; conscription, which takes labor away from the small peasant farms; loss of markets for agricultural raw materials.

(7) Sharpening of the struggles of the workers and toiling peasants against all of the added burdens of war now being piled on almost unbearable living conditions and a standard of living greatly reduced by the cost of the original war against Manchuria.

Thus the enthusiasm for the war which is a thin, artificial Japanese lacquer will wear off under the severe conditions of large-scale war in China.

For these reasons the Japanese militarists must have a quick victory or they can have no victory.

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told me of his earlier days. Idaho was his home state. His dad, Frank, was a militant unionist in the now almost legendary Western Federation of Miners, in the heroic days of big Bill Haywood and strife-torn Cour D'Alene.

Big Bill is John's idea of a real man. "I just read 'Bill Haywood's Book'—Dam what a man he was!"

After many grinding and dangerous years in the mines of Idaho, Frank Hughes managed to get hold of a few acres near Boise and tried to scratch out a living there with his wife and his son, John, who was then almost fifteen years old.

Tilling the soil has many pitfalls and the Hughes family ran into most of them. To begin with, the dirt on the place was so alkali that it literally burned up the seeds. John and his dad tried to improve the soil by washing out some of the burning chemical but this was a slow painful process.

Finally, as so many thousands of mid-westerners are doing today, the Hughes family decided to pull stakes and leave their poverty-stricken salt-lick flat and migrate to better fields. They disposed of their arid land at a meager price, packed all their earthly goods into their old touring car and set off for rich, inviting California.

But Johnny at the last minute decided to stay in Idaho. For the last few years he had been developing his splendid physique in local boxing meets and had visions of himself becoming a big champion of the ring and thus escape the grinding poverty of rural life.

Visions such as these, however, had little chance against the cruel course of decaying capitalism. When the thunderous financial crash of 1929 began to make itself felt even in the distant western state, John was forced to grab a low-paid and highly dangerous job in the trackless timber lands of the state. For two years he worked as a logger.

Father Hughes a Hero
Early in 1933 John received a letter from California which changed the whole course of his life from wild-cat boxer to a militant trade unionist. The letter was from his mother in Gridley who had worked in the northern California canneries ever since she had entered the state. John's father, the letter said, had died—suddenly.

Young Hughes drew his pay and hit for Gridley. Although he got there in two days, his father was buried when he arrived. From his mother, Margaret, he learned the whole vicious story.

The agriculture workers in the vineyards and truck gardens of the valley had no longer been able to work the unbearable wages of 15-17¢ an hour. They formed a local of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union and struck for 35 cents an hour. The big growers, half-crazed by their long domination of the field workers, launched a fierce offensive on the strikers.

Frank Hughes heard the cry of his class and hastened to add his fighting spirit to the ranks of the pickets. He so distinguished himself by his leadership that he soon became the focal point of attack by the enemies of the workers.

In the dead of night he was seized by an armed band of ruffians who "took him for a ride." Father Hughes never returned from that ride alive.

"Heart failure" was the cynical verdict of the coroner's jury in Oroville. "Murder" was the verdict in every worker's heart.

This filthy deed of the employers' henchmen made a deep and lasting impression on young Hughes. It did something to him that neither grinding poverty or alkali dust had accomplished. It taught him that society is divided into two classes; one, a handful of bosses utterly ruthless and capable of any crime to achieve their ends; and second, working Americans who must organize if they are to keep even their lives.

John stayed in California and worked with his mother in the spinach fields, but now with a new perspective. He joined the CAWIU and became a foremost builder of the union. The lesson of his father's death was now repeated to him in thousands of detailed and acute ways. He was threatened, beaten and jailed, but like a work-hardening steel he became tougher and stancher for unionism with each blow.

Finally, during the wanderings of agricultural workers of California are forced to do, John landed a job in the Santa Fe shops at Richmond. He made just enough for himself to live on so his mother continued on her way with friends to work in the canneries and fields.

The honest energy of the young worker, gained from years of struggle and work, quickly earned him the regard of the railroad workers. Joining with other progressives he convinced the men of the need for organization and initiated a local lodge of the railway brotherhood.

With thousands of sturdy unionists saying this Labor Day "they can't split us up," these men mean just that. Like John Hughes they have learned over and over through hundreds of bitter lessons that the only road to victory lies through unity.

Prostitution Among Negroes . . . A Police Racket

How "Phoney" Negro Leaders Help Politicians Exploit Women

By FRANK JOHNSON

LOS ANGELES—Sometimes, when there is some outside pressure, it is characteristic of a corrupt city administration like Los Angeles to have a light house cleaning and a mild investigation, a sort of "face-saving," as it were.

Mayor Frank L. Shaw and Chief of Police James E. Davis had such a thing but dismissed the matter of vice when it led to the very doors of their administration. According to the smiling Mayor, "there is no vice, or if there is it is only because the police department is 'under-budgeted and under-manned.'"

Beyond the Black Belt

Vice and prostitution in the Black Belt take on many colors; first, the present administration in Los Angeles, resting from the last campaign of lies, can not operate successfully without bribing and exploiting the Negro people, either in the elections or vice. The politicians know the value of the Negro vote. District Attorney Burton Fitts, not sure of being re-elected, was quite upset for awhile at the close of the last election and yelled, "what in the hell is the matter with those niggers? Why don't they hurry up and vote?"

Second, the self-styled Negro leaders of the Central Avenue

District, all kept by the Shaw Administration, are quite embarrassed, displaying many sad faces, and willing to make many explanations when vice in the Black Belt is laid at the feet of this administration. Listen to Mrs. Charlotte A. Bass, editor and publisher of that notorious reactionary paper, the California Eagle, going to the bat for her two chiefs:

"Central Avenue is clean and free from vice and crime of all kinds. We believe that the Central Avenue District is as clean and as good as any district in the city and we believe that you and Chief Davis are interested with us in cleanliness and advancement of our district."

Mrs. Bass was speaking as the head of a delegation of 21 preachers and club women which called upon the smiling Mayor to assure him of their faith in him and Chief of Police James E. Davis.

In an editorial in The California Eagle dated July 30 this appeared:

"Los Angeles is again in the throes of a campaign for the suppression of gambling and vice. No matter who is mayor or chief of police, reformers charge laxity of law enforcement. Kick up a cloud of dust, then settle down till time for the next crusade. We have implicit confidence in the city, county and state ad-

ministrations, otherwise we would not have supported same, and will continue until proof is presented to the contrary."

In an exclusive interview, those interviews so popular in the capitalist press, dated August 5 with an Eagle reporter this appeared:

"Agreement with the contention that the vice which most needs curing in Los Angeles is gossip was expressed here this week by a prominent visitor to the Coast from Chicago. Refusing permission to print his name, because of personal reasons, the individual, high in political and civil life of the Lake shore city, raised the hue and cry being raised aent vice in the Angel City is 'much ado about nothing.' Los Angeles is a babe in the woods in vice, as compared to other cities of its size. With its heterogeneous population, racialy speaking, it is surprising that the crime and vice rates are so low."

But there is vice in the Black Belt. Near Vernon and Central, a tall and heavy-set man sometimes stands dressed in a disguise of old worn clothes. Negroes know this man. His name is Lieutenant Sidney Sweetman, head of the vice squad division of the Police Department. A red-faced, hard-boiled, Negro-hating Texan, an exact photographic copy of the highest development of white chauvinism in the State of Texas.

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Rich Baker operates the races under the disguise of a Cooks and Waiters organization. He has been in the city for years. There is the Chinese lottery which has led to ill-feeling between the Chinese and Negro. The most pathetic of all the vice rackets is that of Sister Charlotte A. Bass, self-styled savior of the Negro people, head of the Women's Breakfast Club which has as its sole purpose the recruiting of the so-called dignified, high-class and distinguished Negro women known in some circles as the "upper crust woman." The women themselves do not know the vice connection.

Mrs. Bass' Role
Mrs. Bass is now busy building up Walter P. Lawson, fairly well-educated Negro, deep in the Shaw Administration. He operates under the disguise of The Central Avenue Board of Trade at 429 S. Central. Next is Dr. Claude Hudson, a Negro proud of his Dutch blood, the dictator of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He works with Rich Baker who is in an office adjoining some Waiters' organization. At 1106½ E. Vernon is located a racket disguised as a waiters and porters organization. The Bank

of America owns at least one building in which vice operates. To give all this a divine touch and tie it up with God one can not omit the Rev. William Vernon, an unattached Baptist minister—main stockholder in a big racket. There is, disguised with an official position in the Elks, a Mr. Sharrel, operating a semi-private gambling racket.

Progressives Plan Parley To Defeat Northwest Tories

Nation's Leaders to Attend Conference Representing Three Thousand People

SEATTLE, Wash.—With the heaviest organized labor delegation in the history of the organization expected to attend, the Washington Commonwealth federation convention, which will be held September 4-5, will probably seat over 800 delegates, Howard Costigan, WCF executive secretary, predicted this week.

The 800 delegates will represent approximately 300,000 people.

Lieutenant-Governor Victor A. Meyers, described by Costigan as "the ranking New Deal official in Washington state," will deliver the opening speech.

Congressman Warren G. Magnuson, in a letter to W. C. F. officials this week, indicated that he would also be on hand.

If they are able to conclude their business in the east in time, Senator Lewis B. Schwellenbach and Congressman John M. Coffee will also address the parley.

Progressives Invited

Among other progressive leaders invited to the convention are Governor Elmer Benson, Minnesota Farmer-Laborite; Senator Robert LaFollette of Wisconsin and Congressman John M. Bernard of Minnesota.

King County Commissioner Tom Smith, president of the WCF, will be in the chair during the sessions. He will be assisted by Vice-Presidents John M. Fox, Inlandboatmen's union secretary, and Earl Gunther of the Stage Employees' union.

According to Costigan the convention will concentrate its efforts on planning a campaign to "save the New Deal in Washington state from Martin Toryism." The WCF will seek to weld a wide front of all pro-Roosevelt forces behind a New Deal platform in order to defeat the impending coalition of reactionary Democrats and Republicans.

Tories Conspire to Win

Costigan cited recent statements by such leading Republicans as State Representative Roy Kinnear and King County Chairman George Flood as evidence that the GOP will join the Martin Democrats in the Democratic primaries in an effort to defeat WCF and other pro-Roosevelt candidates.

The convention will also fire the opening gun of a campaign against a proposed initiative to bring about endorsed incorporation of labor unions, American Federation of Labor and Committee for Industrial Organization groups will be asked to unite their efforts to defeat the initiative, which, if passed, would bind the labor movement head and feet.

The executive board of the International Woodworkers of America, representing 55,000 organized workers in Washington, selected delegates to the parley. The board, in conformity with action taken by the last Woodworkers' convention, has dispatched a special communication to each local, urging affiliation with the WCF and election of delegates to the convention.

Many Unions Represented

Among the other important labor organizations which have elected delegates to the parley are the Building Service Employees' union (AFL), with 6,700 members.

The Seattle Metal Trades Council (AFL), with 7,000 members.

The Seattle Labor Union Council, with 35 affiliates.

The International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's organization, with 1,700 members.

The Bellingham Labor Union Council, which includes the majority of unions in that city.

The Raymond Central Labor Council.

The Seattle Newspaper Guild, Cooks and Assistants Local 33, Several locals of the Pulp and Sulphite workers.

Some 50 or 60 locals of the rapidly growing Washington Old Age Pension union are expected to send delegates, and representatives from 55 or 60 locals of the Workers' Alliance, powerful unemployed and WPA workers group, will be present.

Besides these, Democratic party clubs, Democratic precinct committeemen's organizations, and WCF assemblies have elected delegates.

Tea Garden Strikers Go Back to Work Pending Labor Board Election

SAN FRANCISCO — Pending hearings and an election under auspices of the National Labor Relations Board, the strikers at the Tea Garden Cannery, members of the CIO Cannery & Preserve Workers' Union, went back to work Tuesday morning after approximately three months picketing.

The workers will have to become members of the company union chartered by State Federation of Labor Secretary Vandeleur, due to the "yellow dog" contract signed by Vandeleur with the Growers & Processors Assn. for Northern California, until given an opportunity to vote for the CIO in the NLRB election.

Socialist Competition in Moscow



CHILDREN in a Soviet nursery take in a volley ball game in a country house garden of the nursery. They're a healthy looking lot for they get plenty of sunshine and air and expert supervision of trained doctors and leaders.

IT'S AMAZING, MISTER GREEN!

AFL Head Accuses CIO of "Stunting Growth!"

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—It must be done by mirrors! The mighty growth of the Committee for Industrial Organization, which now tops the American Federation of Labor in members, was flatly denied by AFL President William Green here, in a statement saying the CIO is "stunting the growth of the organized labor movement!"

At the same time, it was learned that the secret sessions of the AFL Executive Council here have resulted in decision to expel the 10 unions now suspended from the AFL for membership in the CIO, at the AFL convention starting in Denver, Colo., on October 4.

When asked about this reported decision, Green said: "What else can we do? Every effort we've made toward peace has failed."

The AFL Executive Council is making another "effort toward peace" by summoning the officials of the West Virginia State Federation of Labor to a hearing planned to remove that federation's charter. The West Virginia body is charged with seating CIO delegates in its convention.

The Chinese are confident that they will accomplish their job here and that their countrymen will do their part in the homeland. From the looks of the number of war relief flowers in the laps of the Chinese residents, it appears that even the school children will go over their quotas.

CHINA APPEALS FOR WORLD AID

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planes, wounding seven members of the crew and stunning several passengers. Earlier the President Lincoln had come into the line of fire of Chinese batteries without serious damage.

3. China and the Soviet Union announced the signing of a pact of non-aggression in which both parties pledge not to help any aggressor attacking the other.

4. Japan's Premier Konoye moved to drop the Japanese plan of serving as host to the 1940 Olympic games.

5. Announcement was made in Tokyo of a new law on revaluation of the gold reserve, revealing a sharp decline in the actual amount of gold on hand to back the Japanese currency.

Protest to League

6. China charged in a note to the League of Nations that Japan has violated the League's covenant, the Kellogg Pact and the Nine-Power Treaty, calling attention to Japan's "deliberate aggression."

7. China's national government appealed to Chinese abroad to unite their efforts in the collection of funds for defense against Japan.

Preparing for a mass attack, Japan massed 48 warships, thousands of soldiers and a fleet of war planes outside Shanghai. Foreign observers agreed that Japan's haste involved a desperate attempt to force an immediate victory against unexpectedly strong Chinese mobilization, and that the haste is due to Japan's known lack of sufficient resources to carry on a long war such as now appears more than likely.

New Japanese Troops The Japanese forces included thousands of new troops just being poured into the conflict. American and British mission organizations, indignant at the mass killing of civilians by Japanese warships and land artillery, telegraphed the Federated Council of Churches of Christ, protesting the "deliberate bombing of hundreds of refugees" at the South Station of Shanghai Saturday. It was estimated that more than 400 were killed by a single burst of high explosives.

Browder to Talk Coast to Coast Wednesday P. M.

"Eighteen years of the Communist Party, U. S. A." will be the subject of a coast-to-coast radio speech by Earl Browder on Wednesday, September 1, from 2:15 to 2:30 p. m. Pacific Standard Time.

The talk will originate at Station WJZ in New York and be relayed by the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting System.

Below are the Western outlets, as listed by NBC headquarters in San Francisco:

KFSD, San Diego; KEC A, Los Angeles; KGO, San Francisco; KEX, Portland; KGGA, Spokane; KJR, Seattle; KO, Salt Lake City, and KEAR, Phoenix. Listeners at the latter two stations are reminded that Rocky Mountain time prevails, making the time 3:15 p. m. there.

STATE BOARD OF LOBBY WILL MEET

SAN FRANCISCO—Possibility that the California People's Legislative Conference will affiliate with Labor's Non-Partisan League was indicated as the state executive board of the organizations announced a full meeting to be held September 12 in Fresno.

Herbert Resner, executive secretary, announced that affiliation will be discussed with E. L. Oliver, the League's executive vice-president, when the latter visits San Francisco within a few weeks.

The conference has already cooperated with the national body, having responded to an appeal to urge Democratic congressmen to participate in a final party caucus before congress adjourned for the consideration of the wage and hour bill and other important measures.

In addition to consideration of its relationship with the Non-Partisan League, the September 12 meeting will consider whether or not a petition for a unicameral legislature, sponsored by Assemblyman Sam Yorty, can be accepted as a Conference petition, and will act on the proposed ballot to be sent in a plebiscite authorized by the Santa Maria convention on sentiment favoring a labor-progressive federation in the state.

The Honest Government Committee was voiced by Frank Spector, county organizer of the Communist Party.

"The Communist Party has entered candidates for supervisor and for board of education," he said. "Still other Party candidates will be announced later. They have already announced a willingness to withdraw, but only in the interest of achieving the greatest possible unity in a united progressive campaign. That is their position today."

The campaign committee prepared to meet Tuesday night with the heads of its principal divisions already selected by the conference. They are Dr. Thomas Addis, finance committee; Howard Hill, publicity; Bennett L. Williams, candidates; Hal Dunleavy, "Get-Out-the-Vote," and Herbert Resner, organizational contacts.

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Old Age Law Bars Many From Meager Benefits

SACRAMENTO—Old age assistance to the 80,256 aged persons in California eligible for such aid took the form of an average \$31.46 per individual during the month of July. But even this paltry aid was denied to thousands of other aged of the state who fall outside of the rigid restrictions of the California Old Age Security Act.

Effective September 1, the changes enacted by the Fifty-second State Legislature will bring a mild "liberalization" to the act. The chief change made is a clause exempting outside income not exceeding \$15.00 if such money is earned through the applicant's sale of his labor or produce. Other changes include limiting the investigation to 90 days and specifying that all benefit payments be made in advance instead of the end of the month as now.

\$35 the Maximum The main features of the act still operate to cripple this bill's effectiveness as social legislation. The maximum aid that an applicant can receive is \$35 a month although the last report of the County Welfare Department of San Francisco shows that some "beneficiaries" receive as low as \$8.

From all other sources, the aged person is entitled to receive another \$35 a month according to the text of the law, if one is lucky enough to have such outside sources.

Before an applicant can receive old-age benefit in the state, he or she must be at least 65 years of age; be a citizen of the United States; have residence in the state one year preceding application and five out of the last nine years; and be without anyone in the immediate family able to support the old person ("the county to enforce this obligation").

By these rigid qualifications, the aged persons receiving aid are kept down to 31,511 in Los Angeles county, 6,027 in San Francisco county, and 5,144 persons in Alameda county with correspondingly low figures for the rural counties of the state.

USSR People Adventurous

MOSCOW — More than 200 people of all walks of life daily besiege the offices of the chief administrator of the Northern Sea Route, seeking work in the Arctic. They have jobs, but are anxious to take part in the conquest of the north.

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Gauntlet Thrown Down to Henry Ford by CIO Union; \$10,000 Voted for Mooney

Ford Plants Will Be Unionized, Declares John L. Lewis As Delegates Cheer; Present Officers Re-elected By Convention Representing Nearly Four Hundred Thousand

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Throwing down the gauntlet to Henry Ford with an assessment of \$1 per member for a great war chest to organize the Ford Motor Corp. plants, the CIO United Automobile Workers convention just concluded has organized and united its ranks to move against this last big open-shopper in the auto industry.

"It doesn't make any difference how long it takes to unionize the plants of Henry Ford," declared CIO Chairman John L. Lewis, to the convention. "The United Automobile Workers are going to accomplish this task."

Lewis Cheered The entire convention arose to its feet at these words, giving a great ovation to Lewis. While giving impetus to the Ford drive, Lewis at the same

SEAMEN OPEN UNITY PARLEY

Ludeberg Blocks Plea for S.U.P. Delegate

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the special nature of the meeting electing him. Fanning anti-Ferguson sentiment along the San Francisco waterfront were reports of his declarations before the San Francisco Labor Council meeting on Friday night.

After reporting what happened at the Thursday branch meeting, admitting that he took a licking, he added: "We are declaring war on anyone advocating affiliation with the CIO."

In a dramatic crescendo, he declared: "The Longshoremen may have forgotten the aid given them during the last strike by this council to the tune of \$88,000, but the Firemen have not. We are sticking with the AFL."

Delegates at the Chicago convention also considered the question of the AFL, particularly the new set-up among the seamen headed by William Green, Joseph P. Ryan and Holt Ross. Announcement of this set-up was made in Atlantic City at the meeting of the AFL executive council. Coupled with it was the information that all officials of the defunct and discredited International Seamen's Union had been forced to resign.

Both Ryan and Green are extremely unpopular among seamen because of their strike-breaking actions on the Pacific and Atlantic Coasts. The ISU has no membership and the Green-Ryan machine is an attempt to force seamen back into it against their will.

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AFL International Retreats on Suit Against CIO Union

OAKLAND—The legal suit of the AFL Intl. Assn. of Machinists against the East Bay Machinists Union, has been dropped by the international after nearly a year of litigation.

The suit against Frank W. Sullivan, president, and 22 other officers of the local union, grew out of a strike last year when the local's charter was revoked. The IAM had asked for a permanent injunction enjoining the local from spending \$800 in union funds, and providing an accounting, appointment of a receiver for union funds and property and \$10,000 damages.

The East Bay Machinists Union has since joined the CIO Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

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Teachers Urging Unity Convention For All Unions

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MADISON, Wis.—A national convention of all labor unions, regardless of affiliation, to bring a united labor movement in the United States, is urged in a decision adopted by the AFL American Federation of Teachers, which concluded its national convention last week.

The convention, which authorized a nation-wide referendum on affiliation to the CIO, voted not to pay any levy toward the AFL "war chest" to combat CIO organization.

The union's executive council scored a local speech by Charles S. Hart, Elks "exalted ruler," urging a "purge" of "Communist" teachers from schools.

The council stated: "Red-baiting is the hall mark of all who oppose the attempts of the American people to secure a more equitable distribution of the wealth their hands and brains produce."

Conciliator Sees Union Victory In Banning Walkout

BANNING, Riverside County—Victory for the striking CIO Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers' Union, in their walkout against the Metropolitan Water District here, was predicted by E. H. Fitzgerald, commissioner of conciliation for the U. S. Department of Labor on the Pacific Coast.

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YWCA Urges Spain Aid

NEW YORK — The Summit Lake Industrial Conference of the YWCA urged extension of the present arms embargo on Spain to include Germany Italy and any other countries taking part in the Spanish conflict, aid in Spanish relief was urged on local YW groups!

Alaska Labor Party JUNEAU, Ala. — The Alaska Labor Party has issued a call for a general convention to take place in the fall.

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Teachers Urging Unity Convention For All Unions

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MADISON, Wis.—A national convention of all labor unions, regardless of affiliation, to bring a united labor movement in the United States, is urged in a decision adopted by the AFL American Federation of Teachers, which concluded its national convention last week.

The convention, which authorized a nation-wide referendum on affiliation to the CIO, voted not to pay any levy toward the AFL "war chest" to combat CIO organization.

The union's executive council scored a local speech by Charles S. Hart, Elks "exalted ruler," urging a "purge" of "Communist" teachers from schools.

The council stated: "Red-baiting is the hall mark of all who oppose the attempts of the American people to secure a more equitable distribution of the wealth their hands and brains produce."

Conciliator Sees Union Victory In Banning Walkout

BANNING, Riverside County—Victory for the striking CIO Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers' Union, in their walkout against the Metropolitan Water District here, was predicted by E. H. Fitzgerald, commissioner of conciliation for the U. S. Department of Labor on the Pacific Coast.

Fitzgerald declared he believed the union was following the policy of the Administration in Washington, by asking for an agreement as sole bargaining agency.

"This strike impresses me as solid," declared Fitzgerald. "And if it is held so, there is no doubt of a union victory."

Fitzgerald arrived here last week-end and immediately took steps to bring about a meeting between the Metropolitan Water District board of directors and the union negotiations committee.

YWCA Urges Spain Aid

NEW YORK — The Summit Lake Industrial Conference of the YWCA urged extension of the present arms embargo on Spain to include Germany Italy and any other countries taking part in the Spanish conflict, aid in Spanish relief was urged on local YW groups!

Alaska Labor Party JUNEAU, Ala. — The Alaska Labor Party has issued a call for a general convention to take place in the fall.

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Alaska Cannery Union Set
Fast Pace for 18 Months

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

A Special Page of News on
the Alaska Cannery Union.

Alaska Cannery Union Shows Great Gains in 18 Months

FELICIANO AND WEST BRANDED BY UNION MEN

Worker Says Alaska Union Is Well Rid of Stooze For Vandeleur

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—This is an open letter to those members of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union who, in face of the fact that Paul Feliciano was expelled for anti-union activities, which were presented at a general membership meeting called for this purpose, still mean his "loss" and desire that Fred West, his co-worker and pal, be made a leader of our union.

To prove how "important" Fred West would be to our union, I will quote from an examination of facts and a statement of policy by the Executive Committee, Cannery & Agricultural Federation of California, of June 13, 1937.

A Vandeleur Stooze
"The Executive Board of the Cannery & Agricultural Federation, meeting in S. F. June 13, 1937, condemns the action of the AFL through Secretary Vandeleur in attempting to deliver the cannery agricultural workers of California to the growers and processors without consulting voice or vote of the membership."

We know what this means when we consider that West is one of Vandeleur's closest stooges.

I will quote again from the same statement:

"The Mexican Agricultural Workers Federation (CUCOM) at their convention October 30-31, 1933, voted to affiliate to the AFL and applied through the Secretary of the State Federation of Labor for a charter. The AFL never replied to this request which would have brought tens of thousands of the most impoverished Mexican workers into the AFL labor movement and given them immediate improvement in their conditions."

West Sets Up Dual Unions
Instead the State Federation has put organizers into CUCOM territory and is setting up dual unions with AFL charters, with the help of rats who betrayed the orange pickers' strike in 1936.

These federal chartered "locals" are set up by Fred West and others for the purpose of undermining the progressive leadership that heads the CUCOM.

This proves to us beyond doubt that West is not a true leader of the working class. Due to his splitting tactics, he is a declared tool of the reactionary labor "leaders," so there is no reason why we should moan for West or Feliciano in our union.

Alaska Union Joins S.F. Fishermen

By a Fisherman
The local Fishermen's Union of Alaska, in Egegik, has merged with the Alaska Fishermen's Union with headquarters at 77 Clay St., San Francisco.

The Alaska local has many natives in its fold.

The reason for the merger with the bigger sister union from California was to give us a better group with which to bargain with and win our demands from the cannery operators. They are very obstinate in dealing with us. All they think about is their profits.

Our united organization will now bring us some real results.

Vandeleur Pities The Poor Packers

By an Alaska Canner
In accord with the New World Almanac and an information map of the Alaska territory, the annual value of the Alaska salmon pack alone enriches the sea food packing industry of the U.S.A. to the tune of \$36,620,000.

The gold mining industry of Alaska is second largest with \$7,706,000.

Mr. Edward Vandeleur, "leader" of the AFL—in view of this fact and the fact that the capitalist press related sometime ago that the Western Canneries, of which the salmon cannery are a part, enriched themselves the last fiscal year by \$44,000,000—has the unmitigated gall to say that "due to hazards created by cannery workers throughout the States, the cannery operators are operating in the red."

Mr. Vandeleur should at least read his capitalist press before he makes such foolish statements.

Send in news of your union.

He Judged By Disappearance

By an Alaska Canner
EGEGIK, Alaska—Two cannery workers, who had gone to see a trap net they had set, found that though there were plenty of fish running up the river, the trap was empty.

"I don't like the superintendent a bit, since he told us we were catching more fish than the cannery crew could eat."

"Oh, you can't judge by appearances," answered his partner.

"But I'm not judging by appearances," said the first worker, as he pointed to the empty trap-net. "I'm judging by disappearance."

UNION ENDED DOPE RACKET IN CANNERIES

Packers Used to Condone Sale of Marijuana By Contractors

By an Alaska Canner
In accordance with Alaska cannery workers, the reason that box makers are not permitted to use box-maker hatchets, but use hammers instead, is that in the days of Mayer and Young labor racketeers, occasionally workers under the influence of dope sold here, which was brought over by the labor racketeers in the steamships of the Alaska Packers, killed another worker with a hatchet.

The boxmaker hatchets were banned years ago when a worker, under the influence of dope sold here, which was brought over by the labor racketeers in the steamships of the Alaska Packers, killed another worker with a hatchet.

Union Changed Conditions
The Alaska Cannery Workers Union is working in these canneries now, and in the first year that it took over the jurisdiction of the canneries, 1936, all dope peddling and other rackets were eliminated.

This season, 1937, has broken the record. Not even a single fight has taken place in the cannery at Egegik.

A grievance committee elected as soon as the workers arrived in Alaska, also served as an investigating committee and settled all disagreements between the workers, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Says Alaska Ships Are 'Not So Hot'

By an Alaska Canner
According to reports I heard from cannery crews of the S.S. Chirikof and the S.S. Chirikof. The Glacier which is operated by the Union Fish, almost sunk on its way up to Alaska this last season due to poor engines and a heavy wind storm.

Workers on the S.S. Chirikof which was tailing their boat to keep an eye on it for protection, state that at the Bering Seas the S.S. Glacier became almost uncontrollable and was railing backwards and in all directions.

I was one of the workers that was on the Chirikof, so I saw it myself.

Crowded Ships
Crowded and unsanitary conditions still exist in the Alaska Packers' ships. On the S.S. Chirikof, for example, close to 300 men were crowded in a 55 by 80 rigger hatch, which to make matters worse has a very low ceiling about 8 1/2 feet.

Three men slept in each bunk, as bunks are equipped with three cheap mesh springs, beds placed one above the other. The bunks are placed in lines of seven or more per line; close together; between a narrow line of bunks there is only about four feet of space for workers to walk in and out of their sleeping quarters.

The dining hall is situated in the middle of all these bunks, taking a great part of the aforementioned space, which is approximately 55 by 60 feet only.

CIO Asks Meeting Permit in Fresno

FRESNO—The Board of Supervisors refused to go on record on a request for a mass meeting on a San Joaquin Valley cannery and agricultural workers, to be held in the near future in Court-house Park, sought in a letter from A. C. Rogers, head of the California CIO Cannery & Agricultural Organizing Committee.

Rogers' letter was filed. Privately, board members said Sheriff Overholt would be asked for a "recommendation."

HOW ALASKA NATIVES ARE EXPLOITED

Native Workers Learning To Fight Back by Unionizing

By an Alaska Canner
The Alaska natives are among the most exploited workers in the world. In the small town of Egegik, for example, the natives earn a good sum of money during the fishing season. They earn about a thousand dollars per season.

In the snowy winter the natives do some fox trapping, etc. But trapping is overdone in their part of Alaska, and is rather a difficult way to earn a living.

Stores Rob Natives
Natives of Alaska could live a worthwhile life, were it not for the exploiters of capitalism such as the Alaska Packers Assn., which maintains a so-called commissary where natives must buy their clothing and several other requirements of life for which they must pay three times their worth. There is also the H. N. Evans store between this store and the APA store. These workers are robbed of every hard-earned dollar. The Evans store, contrary to the law of the territory, sells to the natives all the whiskey they want at exorbitant prices!

Life in Alaska is very monotonous; no kind of recreation is provided by any authorities. Therefore, natives do much drinking, which tends to enrich the few wholesale racketeers of this and similar towns in North Western Alaska.

Kept Perpetually Broke
It is true that the natives are free to make as much money as they can by fishing for the canneries and by trapping animals which they take to racketeer "traders" who take the furs and give the natives edibles and other goods in return. In this manner the natives are kept perpetually moneyless.

The educational system also helps to keep the natives as backward as possible. The more backward the workers, the easier to exploit—that is the motto of the exploiters of the working class throughout the world, and it is no different in Alaska.

Lies Taught in School
In an Alaskan township, the school teacher is so stupid that she teaches the native children to hate the Chinese workers by telling her pupils that Chinese are cannibals and eat little children.

Like all colonial countries or territories Alaska is only a market for the exploiters of labor and the natives are only considered as consumers of commodities the natives must obtain in order to exist.

In this town there is no medical institution. Perhaps, the racketeer capitalists are afraid the natives would become "too healthy" and rise to fight for their right of freedom and much-deserved equality and liberty!

Native Workers Ignorant
Keep the workers ignorant is the motto of these capitalist exploiters and they do their best to keep them so!

Alaska natives are no morons or idiots, as their capitalist exploiters try to make the world believe. Most of them know that something is criminally wrong with the capitalist system, and some of them are organizing in the Southeastern part of the territory into labor unions. There are, I believe, about seven unions now in all of Alaska which is quite a remarkable thing, in view of its small population.

The future belongs to the toilers of the world and the natives of Alaska are a part of this mass of toilers which is determined to change the world and make it a world of freedom, equality and liberty for all who are deserving!

British Editor Flays U. S. Relief Policy

NEW YORK—"Your standard of living is immeasurably higher than anything in Europe for the man with a job, but, my God, how cruel you are to your poor," exclaimed Sydney R. Elliott, editor of the British cooperative newspaper, Reynolds Weekly. He made the remark in a talk on his impressions of America before a group of cooperative students at the American Peoples School.

When the new labor movement is built there will be much excess energy and enthusiasm generated which can be utilized in building consumer cooperatives, Elliott said. He was pleased with the cooperative progress being made, saying that further expansion would reduce overhead costs and make co-op savings attractive to the working man.

Leaders of Alaska Cannery Workers Union



BEFORE SAILING TO ALASKA last spring, delegates to the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union conferred with their union leaders. Photo shows President George Woolf standing near the post. As the picture illustrates, workers of many races and nationalities are united in this militant organization.

BRISTOL BAY WATERS TOOK 2 FISHERMEN

Yet Bosses Say Men Paid Too Much for This Dangerous Work

By a Worker Correspondent
I wish to inform the readers of the Western Worker that the waters of Bristol Bay take off a number of fishermen every year. This year two fishermen were carried under the fish scow by the tide and drowned. Last season five fishermen were lost.

Remember that the Alaska Fishermen must travel to the fishing grounds on boats that have been discarded as unsafe, or unseaworthy by other steamship companies.

Yet in San Francisco, certain capitalists insisted that 14 1/2¢ per salmon was too much. This is far from the truth.

In the first place, the Western Cannery, official organ for the Western Canneries Assn. (which includes Cal-Pak, owner of the Alaska Packers Assn.) states that a total cost of canning each pound is only four cents a can. This includes labor, cans, wear and tear, machinery and other equipment, lubricants, fuels etc.

Before saying that the fishermen receive too much pay, let us bear in mind that the Western Canneries enriched themselves to the tune of \$44,000,000, and there is no reason in the world why the workers who brought about this profit should not get a living wage.

The next time you hear someone say that the worker in Alaska receives too much pay, remind him of these facts.

Alaska Fishermen Make Steady Gains Through Unionism

By a Fisherman
Due to many militant unions now in the fold of the Alaska Fishermen's Union, conditions for fishermen in Alaskan waters are improving from year to year.

In 1933, fishermen were paid only 6 cents per salmon. In 1935, they were paid 9 cents per fish; in 1936, 12 1/4; and in 1937, 14 1/2 cents per fish.

It is expected, due to the fact that canned salmon is selling now very high, that fishermen will be paid 17 cents per fish in 1938.

All native and resident fishermen in Alaska have joined the Alaska Fishermen's Union. This makes the union all the more powerful.

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THE 'WESTERN' AND THE ALASKA UNION

An Editorial

SINCE THE birth of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, the Western Worker has supported to its fullest ability the struggles of the workers in this union to end the vicious oppression that prevailed in the Alaska cannery industry prior to the union. This same support was also given to the union, as to all unions, in its fight to improve and better conditions.

The Alaska Cannery Workers' Union and its membership have many times expressed their approval and admiration for the Western Worker. Now, when the "Western" is launching a drive to become a daily fighter for the working people of the Pacific Coast, it believes the ACWU membership will greet this great step forward by the "Western" and will help to make it a daily paper.

In the future, as in the past, the Western Worker will support the Alaska cannery workers in their struggles for progress. This full page of news about the ACWU is dedicated to those workers who, in building their union, have set an example for the rest of the labor movement.

GEORGE WOOLF URGES SUPPORT OF DRIVE FOR DAILY WESTERN WORKER

By GEORGE WOOLF (President, Alaska Cannery Workers Union)

I have been asked to state what I think of the Western Worker and its plans to become a daily paper on the Pacific Coast by the first of the year.

I heartily recommend the Western Worker to any working man. Regardless of what a man thinks or what personal opinion he has, the Western Worker has solidly stood behind workers in their struggles at all times, and will, I am sure, continue to do so as long as we are engaged in the class war struggle.

In regard to the campaign to raise funds and increase the circulation of the Western Worker in order to insure a daily paper, I recommend that the membership of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union and all other unions support this drive.

Urges "Friends of Western Worker" Profiteering Was Killed by Union

By an Alaska Canner
I think that it would be a good idea if Communist Party members organize workers into small groups of, say, "Friends of the Western Worker," in order to help along the drive for the Daily Western Worker. Here workers could meet perhaps once a month and discuss how to improve the Western Worker Drive. Their group could be started by two or more Communist Party members and draw in the workers who are in favor of the Labor Press.

Alaska cannery workers in pre-union days had to pay up to \$11 for rubber boots, according to workers who have worked in the canneries for many years.

Boots, like other requirements, were furnished by the company to racketeering foremen who forced the workers to pay exorbitant prices for these articles. The foremen worked in cahoots with big-shots in San Francisco, who discounted the workers' pay checks.

The boots, or some other article, were itemized under a phony name so that the worker had no chance to prove the graft and claim his money.

Now, under union conditions, all things required on the job are furnished to the worker free of charge.

Unions in Alaska Didn't Forget Tom Mooney Mass Meet

For the first time in history, six groups of workers representing the same number of maritime unions, at Egegik, Alaska, sent greetings to the Tom Mooney Mass Meeting which took place in San Francisco.

Some of these groups of unionists were: members of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, American Radio Telegraphists Assn., International Seamen's Union, Marine Cooks & Stewards, Alaska Fishermen's Union, Carpenters 1118, Machinists Local 68, and Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders & Wipers Union.

Greetings were sent by telegram and stated that these unionists regretted they could not be present at the meeting and that they had not forgotten the heroic leaders of the working class.

Council Represents 5 Pct in Contra Costa

RICHMOND—A handful of reactionary officials last Wednesday helped AFL Organizer Roland Watson set up a new AFL Labor Council, with Charles Savage, Pittsburgh, named acting president. The week before Watson jerked the charter of the Contra Costa County Central Trades & Labor Council. The latter council is continuing as an independent body, supported by over 95 per cent of the county's labor movement.

104% INCREASE IN WAGES, SHORTER HOURS WON, SAYS PRESIDENT GEORGE WOOLF

"Head-Hunter" Contractor System of Non-Union Days Is Completely Wiped Out By ACWU

By Workers' Correspondence Editor
SAN FRANCISCO—"In only 18 months, the Alaska Cannery Workers Union has obtained a 104 per cent increase in wages," declared George Woolf, president of the union, in an interview last week.

"Organized in the spring of 1936, after generations of the worst exploitation known, the Alaska cannery workers have forged ahead and will continue to forge ahead. In addition to the wage increases, our union has reduced hours from 11 to 14 a day to eight.

UNION PUT IN REGULATIONS OF SANITATION

Conditions Improved
"Living and working conditions have also been improved to a great extent, and due to the strength and solidarity of our union, there appears to be a disposition on the part of all the packers to make further changes that will be beneficial to members of our organization."

"The Alaska cannery workers gratefully acknowledge the aid and assistance given us by the strength and prestige of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific and all the individual maritime unions."

The Alaska Cannery Workers Union expects to make further improvements in working conditions in the industry in its agreement to be negotiated next spring for the 1938 season.

ACWU Shows Solidarity
"Since its inception, the ACWU has been in the forefront of progressive labor movement, and is now taking a vote to affiliate with the Committee for Industrial Organization. The secret ballot vote started last week and will close about September 10, Woolf stated.

Showing its solidarity with other sections of the labor movement, the ACWU donated over \$10,000 to brother unions, worthy organizations and class-war prisoners during the last year, the union reports. Included was over \$1250 for the Tom Mooney Defense Fund and approximately \$500 for the workers of Spain who are now fighting against fascist invasion.

The ACWU also contributed to the support of the American League Against War and Fascism and to the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

"Head-Hunters" Abolished
"One important feature of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union," declared Woolf, "is its success in abolishing labor contractors. While the State of California prosecuted contractors in 1934, it didn't put them out of business. However, our union has absolutely eliminated all contractors for the Alaska canneries in San Francisco."

"Our union also played an active part in assisting the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Union of Seattle, which also sends its members to work in the so-called head-hunter and the contractor system which culminated in November, 1936, with the brutal murder of President Dugan and Secretary Simon of that organization."

The Alaska Cannery Workers Union is here to stay and is going forward in the progressive labor movement, Woolf declared. Arrangements are now being made for larger headquarters for the union, which is now located in the Union Recreation Center at 32 Clay St.

Charge Japanese Ships Manned By Under-Paid Labor

By an Alaska Fisherman
Floating canneries from Japan, with approximately 2000 Japanese workers fishing off Unimak Pass entrance to the Bering Sea, are under suspicion of operating with under-paid Japanese workers who were forced to accept their jobs in Japan.

These exploiters of Japanese labor are also under suspicion of using dynamite to bring the fish to the surface, as they are fishing on the deep sea and it is practically impossible to make decent catches otherwise.

The fact that the salmon ran very light this year serves to support this suspicion. Many members of the Alaska Fishermen's Union share this belief, on the grounds that many of the salmon caught in the traps showed wounds, and some of their eyes were filled with blood.

Egegik Cannery Lacked Doctor

By an Alaska Canner
A clause in the working agreement between the Alaska Cannery Workers Union and the Alaska Packers Assn., states that the packers must furnish a doctor and a nurse at the cannery.

No doctor or nurse was provided at the Egegik Cannery, even though there were 40 fishermen, 107 cannery workers, a crew of seamen, seven beachmen, native residents fishing from the beach and approximately another 250 inhabitants in the village.

There was a man who calls himself a doctor, but all his "curing" is accomplished with two kinds of pills and rubbing alcohol.

The injured had to wait six to 20 hours before they are taken to a village where they receive medical care and hospitalization.

Alaska Union Provided Medical Aid to Members

By an Alaska Canner
Guillermo Lopez and Samuel Garcia, cannery workers, were returned to San Francisco from Chignik, Alaska, due to their physical conditions. Proper attention was given them by the union on their arrival in San Francisco.

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

Open-shoppers whet up old anti-labor weapon--International Woodworkers' Union growing fast in Northeast--Notes in Canneries and Agriculture--Nevada County to celebrate Labor Day--Additional Labor News on the Regular News Pages.

Hearst Puts Up New 'Front' for Labor

ASK UNIONS IN S. F. FOR ADVERTISING

'Examiner' Tries to Hide Behind 'Tribute to A. F. of L.'

SAN FRANCISCO--How William Randolph Hearst is trying to regain lost circulation by putting up a pro-labor "front," as a disguise for his anti-labor activities, was revealed here last week when local American Federation of Labor unions received a letter from the local "Examiner," signed by one H. O. Jackson.

"We are enclosing a reproduction of a full page which appeared recently in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and which met with outstanding success in that territory," wrote Jackson.

"This page was brought to San Francisco by the head of a local union and presented to us with the suggestion that we publish a similar page in connection with the Labor Day Program. This page has been presented to other unions, who have endorsed it and agreed to cooperate.

"The cost of participating in this page is \$20 for each union participating. The names of the unions participating will be published in the same manner as were those in the page published in Seattle.

"This page will appear in the Sunday San Francisco Examiner, September 5."

Dave Beck, Teamster "czar" in Seattle, and other AFL "leaders" put over the stunt in Seattle, whereby unions donated to the anti-labor, pro-fascist Post-Intelligencer.

Seattle AFL Donated to Hearst. The Seattle Hearst paper printed a full page ad, bearing at the top: "Samuel Gompers' Last Message to Organized Labor: Message to Organized Labor: God Bless Our American Institutions."

Another line stated: "A Militant Organization from 1881 to 1937." The ad was signed: American Federation of Labor.

The ad listed 34 AFL bodies, all of whom apparently kicked in \$20 each to Hearst's coffers, and printed "Gompers' Last Message."

"Militant" Gompers. How "militant" the one-time bureaucrat of the AFL was, can be seen from a paragraph from the "message":

"No lasting gain has ever come from compulsion. If we seek to force, we but bear that which, otherwise, is invincible. There is no way whereby our labor movement may be assured sustained progress in determining its policies and plans other than by sincere deliberation until a unanimous decision is reached."

In his lifetime, Gompers consistently tried to avoid strikes, even when continued existence of unions depended upon resorting to strike action. Even as President Wm. Green is condemned now for strikebreaking actions, so was his predecessor, Samuel Gompers.

Rank and file membership of San Francisco unions as in Seattle unions, is militantly opposed to donating money for "ads" or support of Hearst papers in any way whatsoever.

Ernst Condemned. In Local 30, Waiters & Dairy Lunchmen, a resolution is pending condemning Hugo Ernst, international vice-president of the Culinary Alliance, for sending a letter of highest praise to the San Francisco Examiner after the recent hotel strike.

An amendment was adopted to the resolution, to hold it in abeyance until Ernst could be at a meeting of his own local, Local 30.

WHAT IS A LIFER?

Business Agent Bob Says

I HEARD about a union negotiating committee that was having trouble with a very tight fisted employer, who insisted he could not afford to raise his employees' wages.

"You old skinflint," said one union member, "you're so tight you squeak."

"I am not tight," protested the tight-fisted boss, "I just don't want to spend my money."

WASHINGTON--Trying to enlist the aid of the Federal Maritime Commission in his attempt to disrupt and destroy Committee for Industrial Organization gains among maritime workers, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has received a slap in the face for his pains.

Wrote Green to Chairman Joseph P. Kennedy of the commission: "The Maritime Commission should not remain neutral, but should frankly and courageously encourage that faction which has by its record and by its past and present conduct demonstrated its loyalty and its readiness to fight, if need be, for the maintenance and honest observance of contracts."

Green Would Be First to Protest. Answered Chairman Kennedy: "It is the intention of the commission to deal with maritime labor as a whole and without distinction between whatever factions may exist. I am sure that you would be the first to protest any action by the commission to 'support and encourage' any group other than your own."

"Shocking" Conditions. "Shocking conditions" exist on American merchant marine ships the Maritime Commission members have stated unofficially, following their hearings aboard more than 50 ships preparatory to fixing minimum wages and reasonable working conditions on ships that are to get federal subsidies under the Ship Subsidy Act.

The commission investigators are said to have found that upwards of two-thirds of all complaints by seamen and other maritime workers on government subsidized vessels relate to intolerable crews, quarters and working conditions.

CIO Predominant in Del Norte, Declares Editor. CRESCENT CITY, Del Norte County--"I am happy to report that the CIO movement is definitely predominant in this territory," writes Editor E. F. Benedict in a recent issue of the Northern California Labor News.

The publication here is the organ of the Del Norte County Central Labor Council. "Our strongest organizations are either already affiliated, or in the process of affiliating."

Teamsters Win Gains. PHILADELPHIA--Seven contractors hauling groceries for the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., after using guards and every other strikebreaking device, finally signed closed shop agreements with wage and hour gains with Local 107, Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters.

LOS ANGELES OPEN-SHOPPERS SPONSOR COMPANY UNION OUTFIT AGAINST LABOR. LOS ANGELES--Openshoppers of the Merchants & Manufacturers Assn. haven't given up their ideas of promoting company unionism.

Last week, at the instigation of a stooge for Douglas Aircraft Corp., a meeting was held claiming to represent 50 "independent unions" of 50,000 workers, which set up the so-called "League of Independent Unions."

Bosses' Stoges. Officers elected included President Leo Netherlands, representing the "Los Angeles Transportation Union" for the L. A. Railway, Pacific Electric, etc.; Vice-President T. L. Hoff, of the "Independent Rubber Workers," for Firestone, Goodrich, Goodyear and U. S. companies; Treasurer W. G. Rose, of the "Aircraft Workers Union," for Douglas Aircraft Corp.; and Secretary Clay Rittenhouse, of the "Independent Rubber Workers."

MARINE COOKS FIRM FOR 44-HOUR DEMAND

Union Refuses to Budge on Overtime on All Fish Reduction Ships

(MC&S Press Release) SAN FRANCISCO--Negotiations for the Fishing Industries, after weeks of stubbornly refusing to yield to the just demands of maritime unions in negotiating agreements for the ensuing year, are resorting to an old established custom of crying on the shoulders of the public.

The point that the Marine Cooks & Stewards have refused to budge on, is overtime for Saturday afternoons and Sundays and holidays.

Demand 44-Hour Week. As a result of prolonged strikes the Cooks Union succeeded in lowering hours to a point whereby they secured an eight-hour day on certain types of vessels. Because of their calling, being seafaring men, they are penalized to the extent of being forced to work seven days a week.

The demand of the men now is that they have an eight-hour day and a 44-hour week. For work performed in excess of eight hours per day and beyond the 44-hour week, they demand overtime. They have been granted the overtime on the eight-hour day question, but are refused overtime on the 44-hour week proposition.

Offer to Compromise. In order that they might not be blamed for keeping an industry tied up, the Cooks have offered to compromise on their 44-hour week demand for the current year, and are demanding overtime beyond the 44-hour week period only when the plant on the ship is in operation. If the plant is idle, then the Cooks will waive their claim for overtime--for the year.

To refute any statements that they are earning huge sums monthly, the Cooks publicly state they do not want to work any overtime, but because of the fact that the operators cannot properly man their vessels with sufficient men in the stewards' department, they are forced to work this overtime.

Frame-Up Trial On In Honolulu. SAN FRANCISCO--Trial of frame-up charges of "kidnapping" against nine Filipino workers, who led a successful plantation strike on the island of Maui, has started in Honolulu, according to word received here by the Western Worker from Grover Johnson, Intl. Labor Defense Attorney, who is defending the union leaders.

Johnson reported that it is very difficult to get an impartial jury in the islands, since every one eligible under the regulations, works for the "Big Five" sugar interests.

The labor movement in the Hawaiian Islands is staunchly supporting the nine Filipino workers in their fight against the attempted frame-up.

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Searched for Lost Soviet Flyers



ARCTIC EXPLORER Sir Hubert Wilkins and companions before he left New York by plane to search in the Arctic for the Levanevsky party lost somewhere in the icy north after an attempted trip from Moscow to the United States via the North Pole.

'Focsle and Dock'

By BILL SMITH

THAT was a stormy meeting the Marine Firemen held last week. But it needn't have been so riotous at all. Cause of all the noise and turmoil and disruption was the so-called "leadership."

What really happened--phony "Examiner" reports to the contrary was that the rank and file, about 350 strong, took over.

When this "leadership" saw how things were going, all the big and little stooges began to yell. They popped up from their chairs as if each had a coil spring in the seat of his pants. After months of disregarding all rules of order, the constitution and the wishes of the rank and file firemen, the "leadership" suddenly becomes technical. When the usual disruptive methods failed they could do nothing but walk out.

As Ferguson left the hall a rank and file yelled: "Oscar Carlson Ferguson!"

For Spain. The deck crew of the President Van Buren last trip collected \$22 for the Lincoln Brigade in Spain. Last week two seamen brought in \$25 collected from maritime workers on the local waterfront.

There are dozens of San Francisco waterfront men fighting with the Loyalists in Spain. They need chocolate, medical supplies, cigarettes and lots of other things.

"Ryan's Here!" The Ship Scalers were about half through their meeting last week when a big rat scurried across the floor.

Somebody yelled: "Hey! Joe Ryan's in the hall. Throw him out!"

The whole meeting took up the cry. The rat made for the nearest opening and disappeared. He didn't return that night.

Perhaps he was insulted.

Sailors and NMU. Four National Maritime Union men from the IMM ship the Virginia were refused admittance to the Sailor's Union meeting last week.

But I've seen plenty of West Coast sailors talking to NMU men around the Grace Line and Panama Pacific docks. They seemed to be getting along well enough.

In fact, the West Coast men were asking all the questions and they were plenty interested. One East Coaster referred to Harry Lundberg as "Burn-the-Ballois" Lundberg.

No one objected to that. Wonder just who it was kept those four NMU men out of the SUP meetings? Probably the same faction that kept the Marine Cooks and Stewards' delegation waiting an hour and a half before letting them in.

OLD WEAPON SHARPENED BY BOSSES

Anti-Union Judges Violate Constitutional Rights With Injunctions

Open-shop employers are sharpening their old weapon of attack against labor unions, injunctions against picketing; throughout California the bosses are seeking injunctions from anti-labor judges in an attempt to smash strikes.

Superior Judge O. K. Morton developed a new wrinkle to serve the strikebreaking heads of the Metropolitan Water District, when he issued a temporary restraining order against aqueduct strikers in Banning carrying on picketing "by illegal acts" specified by the district in its complaint. The district is also suing the striking Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers Union for \$50,000 "damages."

Three in One Day. In Los Angeles last week Superior Judges Emmet Wilson and Ruben Schmidt turned out three temporary restraining orders against picketing workers.

From the experienced hand of Judge Wilson, orders were issued against the Hotel & Restaurant Employees' Union, and the Bartenders, now on strike against the Los Angeles Athletic Club; and against the Retail Food Clerks Union striking against the Cash-in-King chain grocery and meat markets.

Judge Aids Discrimination. At the request of the S. H. Kress five-and-ten cent store at 4415 South Central Ave., Judge Schmidt issued an order restraining the Communist Party from committing non-existent "violence" or "intimidation" in its fight against Negro discrimination by the powerful chain company.

All three orders were based on grounds of supposed violence and attempts at intimidation by the pickets.

In Santa Monica, J. H. Thomas, contractor, is seeking an anti-picketing injunction against building trades unions. He has a temporary order restraining picketing a construction job.

Freedom of Press Violated. Notorious anti-labor outfit in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Walgreen Drug Co. induced Superior Judge John D. Murphy of Alameda County to sign a temporary restraining order to prevent sale and distribution, though not the printing, of the East Bay Labor Journal.

This violation of freedom of the press was contained in the court order, which specifically bans sale of copies in which Walgreen's is named on the unfair list.

Picketing of the Oakland and San Francisco Walgreen stores is forbidden by a temporary restraining order.

Rail Icemen Set For Bargaining

SAN FRANCISCO--Pacific Fruit Express Co., Santa Fe Ice and Valley Ice Co. will be asked to meet with representatives of the CIO United Railway Icemen's Union to negotiate on wages, hours and conditions, announced Louis Goldblatt, Northern California CIO director.

Manager White of PFE declared his company would not bargain with CIO and that "these men must be gotten into the AFL some way," but the workers are rallying fast to the CIO union, headed by President Ralph Martin and Secretary-Treasurer Wm. T. Abbott.

The CIO union is organizing rapidly from Brawley in Imperial Valley up to Sacramento and Roseville.

UNION CHEMIST REINSTATED

NEW YORK--The National Labor Relations Board ordered reinstatement of a chemist union leader of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians.

NEVADA COUNTY CIO MINERS' UNION PLANS GALA LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

GRASS VALLEY, Nevada County--The most ambitious program that the Twin Cities Miners' Union 283 and Ladies Auxiliary 45, of the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers has undertaken is being pushed to success by social committees of both organizations.

"Black Pit" to Be Played. This program includes a huge Labor Day picnic, carnival and dance. This will be followed Sunday night, Sept. 12, by presentation of the miners' play, "The Black Pit," by the San Francisco Theatre Union at the Grass Valley Veterans' Memorial hall.

One thousand tickets have been printed for Labor Day and it is anticipated more will be necessary. The publicity committees are reaching all CIO unions in northern California. Brother unions in the Mother Lode districts, Sacramento and vicinity are expected to send large delegations.

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

FOR many generations the Hawaiian Islands have been romanticized in story and poem. But nothing was ever said about the "Big Five" companies who have sweated millions of dollars in profits out of workers on the islands.

Now, in 1937, the workers on the islands are organizing into unions, are demanding decent wages, working and living conditions. The Hawaiian Islands Federation of Labor has been born.

Friendly Criticism. MUCH credit for the rapidly growing labor movement in Hawaii is due to the "Voice of Labor," which correctly calls itself Hawaii's only working class newspaper. It has struggled gallantly along for several years on almost non-existent finances, until now it is the HIFL official organ.

As a newspaper with more experience in the labor movement, the Western Worker would like to extend a little friendly advice to the "Voice." In two recent issues, several new trends were observed in the paper which if continued are likely to prove dangerous.

Wrong Line on CIO. IN the August 5 issue, an editorial offered a solution to the AFL-CIO question as follows: "A solution offered by a rank and file that all the generals and first lieutenants of both groups turn their big guns on each other, after they have worn themselves out, it's to be hoped the rank and file who have no interest in build-ups and piecemeal artists will take control of the situation and as workers we have no interest except the advancement of organized labor."

In other words, this editorial sees no difference between the old guard strike-breaking, labor-splitting AFL executive council--the Greens, Wolls, Freys--and the broad progressive leadership of the CIO, which is marching forward with such great strides to organize the unorganized and to win them better conditions.

It must be remembered that the future of Hawaii's workers, who are largely unskilled, lies not with the AFL leadership which has refused to organize unskilled workers for 52 years, but with the CIO which has won such victories in the mass production industries of steel and auto.

Mistake on AFL. THE "Voice" also showed a serious lack of understanding of the present structure of the AFL and its tactics, when it quoted Grover Johnson as saying that "the AFL, despite reports to the contrary, was steadily becoming an industrial union and that its strength was not to be discredited because of the meager press reports received by the Honolulu reading public."

While it is true that AFL officials have set up so-called "industrial" unions in such departments as mine, where Joe Ryan is taking over the old Intl. Seamen's Union in order to help the bosses fight the National Maritime Union, these "industrial" set-ups are nothing more than company unions.

In order to compete with the CIO, the AFL is "going industrial" and chartering "industrial" company unions.

But just ask a seaman what he thinks of Joe Ryan's "industrial" union.

Hope "Voice" Will Grow. WE WISH to bring these matters to the attention of our brothers on the "Voice," feeling they will be glad to receive our friendly criticism. The "Western Worker" has co-operated in many matters in the past, and expect to do so in the future. And the "Western" hopes the "Voice" will go forward to lead ever more successfully the growing and militant labor movement in the Hawaiian Islands.

UNIONS RUSH TO JOIN CIO WOODWORKERS

Independent Unions All Over U. S. Seeking Affiliation

SEATTLE, Wash.--The International Woodworkers of America, recently accepted into affiliation by the Committee for Industrial Organization, is being swamped with applications for affiliation from local unions.

They are coming in by mail, telephone and telegraph from all parts of the country, including Texas, New York and the Middle West, international headquarters report.

Shows Need for CIO Union. In addition to the numerous requests from locals affiliated with the former Federation of Wood Workers of the AFL, many others are being received from large independent groups never before affiliated with a national body, indicating the need there has been for such an organization as was established at the Tacoma convention, officials declare.

Local unions are sending out applications for charters in the new international as fast as meetings can be held to take the necessary steps.

Among the requests for charters from independent groups was one from 1500 creosote workers in Houston, Tex.

Several thousand other wood workers in nearby parts of the state are also ready and eager to join the new CIO union, the Tie, Timber and Creosote Workers Union of Houston reports.

"In the absence of any international to which the creosote workers could affiliate, we have succeeded in establishing an independent local in Houston as the first step toward reaching the rest of the workers in the industry," the letter of application said.

"We feel that since this is an industry that is an integral part of the lumber industry, affiliation to the international is highly desirable."

Domestics Seeking Protective Law

OAKLAND--The CIO Domestic Workers Union is drawing up a bill in cooperation with the YWCA, which would establish a minimum of \$55 a month for domestic workers living in the homes, with a six-day, 40-hour week, 50 cents an hour minimum and carfare for work by the day, and 60 cents per hour minimum for four hours' work or less.

Present conditions for domestic workers in Alameda County include wages of from \$10 to \$40 a month, for 10 to 18 hours' work per day.

The union meets the first and third Thursdays of every month at Carpenters' Hall, 742 12th St. Domestic workers are urged to contact the president, Mrs. Lillian Harrison, at Glencourt 8404. Secretary is Mrs. Esther Teeters.

Picnic Celebrated Boca Dam Victory

BOCA DAM, Nevada County--Celebrating a victory achieved here in the high Sierras after a month of united strike action, members of Local 402, CIO Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, held a gala picnic near Lake Tahoe on Sunday, August 22. The new union won union recognition, higher wages, virtual closed shop, and other benefits on the \$1,000,000 tunnel and dam project.

The 100 members of Local 402 invited members of brother unions in Grass Valley who attended with their families. Trade unionists were also present from San Francisco.

Local 402 is participating in the huge Labor Day celebration being held on September 6 at Lake Olympic Park, between Grass Valley and Nevada City, at which 3000 people are expected.

Union Leaders to Speak At Labor Rally Planned By San Francisco YCL

SAN FRANCISCO--Prominent trade unionists will be featured at a labor rally sponsored by the Young Communist League, for September 8 at Franklin Hall, 1859 Franklin street.

Speakers will be Henry Schmidt, president of Longshoremen 38-79; Jerry Callahan, president of Filling Station Employees Union; Pauline Gordon, organizer of the Cannery & Preserve Workers; and Archie Brown, of the Ship Sealers. The movie "Road to Life," will be shown.

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